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The Law of Elections;

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ABSTRACT

OF

All the Statutes now in Force

Relating to the Election of

MEMBERS.

To Serve in the

House of Commons.

In Three SECTIONS,

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The { The Electors,
DUTIES, &c. { The Elected, and the
of { Officers Returning.

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AN Abstract of the *Statutes* relating to *Parliament Elections*, was recommended, as of Use to the Publick, by a very worthy Man, lately deceased, whose Life was constantly employ'd in the Service and Interests of his Country, and for a great Part of it in the *House of Commons*: And the Method these Sheets appear in, receiv'd the Honour of his Approbation. Under these Considerations it is now submitted to the *Electors* and *Representatives* of Great Britain.

The *Sections* the following *Abstract* is divided into, contain every Head that the Matter of an Election can properly fall under, (*viz.*) The *Rights*, *Duties*, and *Qualifications* of the *Electors*, the
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Electèd, and the Officers returning: And in each Section the Statutes in Force in England to the Time of the Union, and from thence in the United Kingdom to the End of the last Session of Parliament, (for so much of each, as properly relates to each Section,) are continued under the several Reigns and Years they were made in, and the Chapters they are divided into in the Statute-Book at large; in which respect principally 'tis called an Abstract, and for that only the enacting Parts of each Statute are taken Notice of, and nothing foreign to the Election of Commoners; for where the Duties, &c. of the Members of both Houses are blended together in one Act, (as they are in many,) the Words respecting the Lords are also omitted, as are likewise all Clauses in any, repealed by subsequent Acts.

As to such Laws as seem to be Principles inductive to each Head; as Magna Charta, and some others of Antiquity; The Union of Wales under Hen. 8. The Claim of Right on the Revolution; The Limitation of the Crown to the House of Hanover; and the late Union with Scotland; It was thought fit, for Distinction

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tion Sake, to place so much of each, as was necessary, under each Section, in a *different Letter* from the Body of the Book : But to divide the rest, (which may be called the Body of the Book,) into *two Columns* ; The first containing the *Abstract* of the Statutes themselves in the very Words of each Statute, relative to that Head ; of which nothing material ('tis hop'd) is omitted, nor any thing added, but to preserve the true *Intent* of such Statute, and necessary *Connection*, (both which are also in a *different Letter* ;) And the *second Column*, is an *Abridgment* of the *first* particularly adapted to the Duties, &c. of those concern'd under the Title of each Section ; So that the *Electors*, the *Elect-ed*, and the *Returning Officers*, severally, have at one View, the *Law it self*, and it's *Epitome*. ——— 'Tis farther to be observ'd, That where *any Thing inter-ven'd*, that could not properly be rang'd under *either Head* ; As the *Exclusion* of the *Officers* of the *Customs*, and *Excise* from intermeddling in *Elections* ; The *Clerk* of the *Crown's* Duty in filing *Returns*, and the like ; as it ought not to be omitted,

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mitted, (the Penalties therein accruing to those concern'd, under one *Head*, or other,) So 'tis continued in Order of Time under *each*, in yet a *different Character*. — What hath been said, 'tis hop'd, is sufficient to explain the Method, and that what else may relate to it, will be found obvious.

This was thought the *fairest*, as well as the *plainest* way, of *rendring* a *Collection* of this kind *useful*; For in as much as the *Sense* of any *thing* *abridg'd* is very often *mistaken* in the *Abridgment*; 'twas conceiv'd necessary to give our *Legislators Sense* in their *own Words*, as well as *that Way*; The *former* being, if not a *Voucher* for the *latter*, yet a certain *Guide* to *detect* any of it's *Errors*; and the *Latter* (if faithfully perform'd) as ready a *Help* to the *Memory*, if not the *Understanding*, of many concern'd, especially our *Electors*. — 'Tis true, This Method could not be pursu'd without some Repetitions, but, 'tis hop'd, they will appear so necessary, as not to have been omitted, without rendring such Section, in which they are made use of, and thereby the whole Design of the Book, imperfect.

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As the *End* as well as the *Title* of it, is only to state the *Statute-Law* in force relating to *Elections*, 'tis presum'd *nothing* can be herein *expected*, that (as has been said) is *repealed* by any subsequent *Statute*; and the *Qualifications* of *Members* by taking the *Association*, or the like; or any thing concerning the *calling* and *frequency* of *Parliaments*, or the *Privileges* of *Members*; As those *Acts* that appoint *Annual* or *Triennial* *Parliaments*; These, (or the *Clauses* of any) that *continue* *Parliaments* after the *Demise* of a *King* or *Queen*, that *concern* the *Privileges* of *Members*, either as to their *Persons*, or with respect to *Suits* at *Law*, &c. for, or against them: And such *Parts* also of any, (*herein abstracted*) as relate to the *Wages* of *Knights*, *Citizens*, or *Burgesses*, from the *Shires*, &c. they represent, were thought altogether as *unnecessary* to be taken notice of, at a time, when the *Service* of their *Country* is courted by our *Patriots*, as a *sufficient* *Reward* in its self.

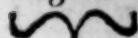
All Matter of *Comment*, *Quotation*, &c. was in like manner thought fit to be avoided; Not only for the *Ease* of the

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honest *Electors*, who might be *misled*, or *perplex'd* in such a *Maze*; but *also* with due *Regard* to the *Dignity* of the *Legislative* it self; for besides that, a positive Law in a plain Case ought to be allow'd capable of speaking its own Sense, in its own Words; so more especially ought our Laws to be in Matters constituting so great a Part of the Legislature; nay, much rather to be conceiv'd in such Words, as no ways liable to want of Interpretation, or Mistake.

How far this Design is well executed, must be submitted to Publick Censure, and *better Judgments*: The Editor of the following Sheets, has only to offer in Excuse for any of his Failings, that he has acted herein with Integrity, and is very certain no Mistakes of any kind have been wilfully, or negligently committed, and hopes all others, either of his own, or the Press, may be pardonable.

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Magna Charta.

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THE City of *London* shall have all the old Liberties and Customs which it hath been used to have. Moreover, We Will and Grant, That all other Cities, Boroughs, Towns, and the Barons of the Five Ports, and all other Ports, shall have all their Liberties and free Customs.

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Stat. 34 Ed. 1. ch. 1.

No Tallage or Aid ſhall be taken or levied by Us or Our Heirs in Our Realm, without the Good-will and Affent of Archbishops, Biſhops, Earls, Barons, Knights, Burgeſſes, and other Freemen of the Land.

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We Will and Grant for Us and Our Heirs, That all Clerks and *Laymen* of Our Land ſhall have their Laws, Liberties and free Customs, as largely and wholly, as they have uſed to have the ſame at any time when they had them beſt ; And if any Statutes have been made by Us or Our Anceſtors, or any Customs brought in contrary to them, or any manner Article contained in this preſent Charter, We Will and Grant that ſuch manner of Statutes and Customs ſhall be void and fruſtrate for evermore.

Stat. 7 H. 4. ch. 15.

Ordained, &c. That from henceforth (*in order to the Elections of Knights of the Counties for the Parliament*) at the next County to be holden after the delivery of the Writ of the Parliament, Proclamation ſhall be made in the full County of the day and place of the Parliament, and that all they that be there preſent, as well

Eleſtors to attend to elect Knights of the Shires on Proclamation to be made at the next County - Court after the Delivery of the Writ to the Sheriff, and Suitors

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Suitors duly summoned for the same cause, as other, shall attend to the Election of Knights for the Parliament, and then in the full County they shall proceed to the Election fairly and indifferently, notwithstanding any request or commandment to the contrary.

And after that they be chosen, the Names of the persons so chosen (be they present or absent) shall be written in an Indenture under the Seals of all them that did choose them, and tacked to the same Writ of Parliament; which Indenture so sealed and tacked, shall be holden for the Sheriff's Return of the said Writ touching the Knights of the Shire.

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*Electors after
the Election to
seal an Inden-
ture containing
the Names of the
persons chosen,
which annex'd
to the Writ to be
the Sheriff's Re-
turn.*

Stat. 1 H. 5. ch. 1.

That the Knights and Esquires, and other which shall be Choosers of Knights of the Shires, be resident, within the same Shires, the day of the date of the Writ of Summons of Parliament.

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Knights of the
Shires to be resi-
dent in the same
Shires at the date
of the Writ.*

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Stat. 8 H. 6. ch. 7.

Provided, &c. That the Knights of the Shires to be chosen within the Realm of *England* to come to the Parliaments of our Lord the King hereafter to be holden, shall be chosen in every County of the Realm of *England* by people dwelling and resident in the same Counties, whereof every one of them shall have Land or Tenement to the value of 40 s. by the year at the least, above all Charges; And shall be return'd by Indentures seal'd betwixt the said Sheriffs and the said Choosers so to be made.

He which cannot expend 40 s. by the year as aforesaid, shall in no wise be chooser of the Knights for the Parliament.

Electors of Knights of the Shire to be such as reside within the same County, & having Lands or Tenements of 40 s. a year Estate above all Charges.

An Indenture to be made between the Electors and Sheriffs shall be the Return.

None to elect that cannot expend 40 s. by the year.

Stat. 10 H. 6. ch. 2.

Ordained, &c. That the Knights of all Counties within the Realm (of *England*) to be chosen to come to Parliaments hereafter to be holden, shall be chosen in every County by people dwelling and re-

Electors of Knights of the Shire shall be such as reside within the same, each having Freehold of 40 s. fiant

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stant in the same, whereof every Man shall have Freehold to the value of 40 s. by the year at the least, above all Charges, within the same County where any such Choofer shall meddle of any such Election.

a year at least, above all Charges, in the Counties they elect for. England.

Stat. 23 H. 6. ch. 15.


Ordained, &c. That every Sheriff, after the delivery of any Writ (of Election) to him made, shall make and deliver without fraud a sufficient Precept under his Seal to every Mayor and Bailiff, &c. of the Cities and Boroughs within his County, commanding them by his Precept, if it be a City, to choose by Citizens of the same City, Citizens; and in the same manner and form if it be a Borough, by the Burgeses of the same, to come to the Parliament.

Citizens & Burgeses within Cities & Boroughs, to elect Citizens and Burgeses of the same, and the Sheriff to direct his Precept accordingly.

Stat. 27 H. 8. ch. 26.

Enacted, &c. That the Dominion of Wales shall be, stand, and continue for ever from henceforth incorporated, united, and annexed to and with the Realm of England; And that all and singular person and persons, born and to be born, in the said Principality, County,

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trety, or Dominion of Wales, shall have, enjoy and inherit all and singular Freedoms, Liberties, Rights, Privileges, and Laws, within this Realm, and other the King's Dominions, as other the King's Subjects naturally born within the same, have, enjoy, and inherit.

For all Parliaments to be holden and kept for this Realm, two Knights shall be chosen and elected to the same Parliament for the Shire of *Monmouth*, (*heretofore part of Wales*) and one Burgess for the Borough of *Monmouth*, in like manner, form, and order, as Knights and Burgesses be elected and chosen in all other Shires of this Realm of *England*.

And that one Knight shall be chosen and elected to the same Parliaments for every of the Shires of *Brecknock, Radnor, Montgomery and Denbigh*, and for every other Shire within the said Countrey and Dominion of *Wales*, and for every Borough being a Shire-Town within the said Countrey or Dominion of *Wales* (except the Shire-Town of the County of *Merioneth*) one Burgess, and the Election to be in like manner, form, and order as Knights and Burgesses

The County of Monmouth to elect two Knights, and the Borough of Monmouth one Burgess, in like manner as other Shires and Boroughs of England.

Each County in Wales, and each Shire-Town of each County, (except the Shire-Town of Merioneth) to Elect one Knight, and one Burgess, in like manner.

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ses of the Parliament be elected and chosen in other Shires of this Realm.

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Stat. 34 & 35 H. 8. ch. 13.

Enacted, &c. That the County Palatine of *Chester* shall have two Knights for the said County Palatine, and likewise two Citizens to be Burgeses for the City of *Chester*; the same Election to be made under like manner and form, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as is used within the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, or any other County and City within this Realm of *England*.

The County Palatine of Chester to elect two Knights, and the City of Chester, two Citizens, Burgeses, in like manner.

Stat. 35 H. 8. ch. 11.

Enacted, &c. That the Burgeses of all and every Cities, Boroughs and Towns (in the 12 Shires within *Wales* and County of *Monmouth*, not finding Burgeses for the Parliament themselves, and contributory to Wages of Burgeses of such Shire Towns) shall be lawfully admonished by Proclamation, or otherwise, by the Mayors, Bailiffs and other Head Officers of the said Towns, or by one of them,

Electors of Burgeses for the 12 Shire-Towns in *Wales*, and of *Monmouth*, to be as well of Burgeses of all Cities, Boroughs, &c. in those Counties, and as of Burgeses of those Towns themselves, and summoned to

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to come and give their Elections for the Electing of the said Burgesſes, at ſuch time and place, lawful and reaſonable, as ſhall be aſſigned for the ſame intent by the ſaid Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Head Officers of the ſaid Shire-Towns, or by one of them, in which Elections the Burgeſſes ſhall have the like Voice and Authority to elect, name, and chooſe the Burgeſſes of every the ſaid Shire-Towns, like, and in ſuch manner, as the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Shire-Towns have and uſe.

ſuch Elections by the Mayors, Bailiffs, &c. of the ſaid Shire-Towns

Stat. 25 C. 2. ch. 9.

Enacted, &c. That the County Palatine of *Durham* may have two Knights for the ſame County, and the City of *Durham* two Citizens to be Burgeſſes for the ſame City for ever hereafter to ſerve in the High Court of Parliament, the ſame Election from time to time to be made in manner and form following, (that is to ſay) the Elections of the Knights to ſerve for the ſaid County Palatine from time to time, to be made by the greater num-

The County Palatine of Durham to Elect two Knights, and the City of Durham two Citizens, Burgeſſes by majority of Freeholders of the County preſent, and like majority of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Freemen of the City preſent.

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ber of the Freeholders of the said County Palatine of *Durham*, which from time to time shall be present at such Elections, accordingly, as is used in other Counties of this Kingdom, and that the Election of the said Burgeffes from time to time, to serve in the High Court of Parliament, for the City of *Durham*, to be made from time to time, by the major part of the Mayor, Aldermen and Freemen of the said City of *Durham*, which from time to time shall be present at such Election.

Stat. 1. W. & M. Sess. 2. ch. 2.

[The Claim of Right.]

*That the Election of Members of Parliament
ought to be free.*

Enacted accordingly.

Stat. 2 W. & M. ch. 7.

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| <p>Enacted, &c. That all Nominations or Recommendations (<i>claimed as of Right by the Lord Wardens of the Cinque-ports to each of the said Cinque-ports, two ancient Towns, and their respe-</i></p> | <p><i>The Nomination to Electors of one of the Barons of each Cinque-port, the two ancient Towns and their five</i></p> |
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England. *Five Members, of one Person whom the Electors ought to Elect as a Baron or Member of Parliament for such respective Port, ancient Town, or Member,)* were and are contrary to the Laws and Constitutions of this Realm, and for the future shall be so deemed and construed, and hereby are declared to have been, and are void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any pretence to the contrary notwithstanding. *Members claimed by the Lord Warden contrary to Law, and void.*

Stat. 5 W. & M. ch. 20.

No Collector, Supervisor, Gauger or other Officer, or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying or managing the Duties of Excise, or any Branch or Part thereof, shall by Word, Message or Writing, or in any other manner, endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess or Baron of any County, City, Borough or Cinque-port, and every Officer or other Person offending therein shall forfeit the Sum of 100 l. one moiety thereof to the Informer, the other to the Poor of the Parish, where such Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by any Person, that shall sue by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of their Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in which no Essoin, Protection, Pri-

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Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed, and every Person Convict on such Suit shall be for ever after incapacitated to bear any Office or Place of Trust under the Crown.

Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 25.

Enacted, &c. That upon every Election to be made of any Knight or Knights of the Shire, (in case a Poll shall be required) every Freeholder before he is admitted to Poll at the same Election, shall if required by the Candidates, or any of them, first take the Oath (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix) and in case any Freeholder, or any other Person taking the said Oath, shall thereby commit wilful and corrupt Perjury, and be thereof convicted, he, and they shall for every such offence incur the like Pains, and Penalties as are in, and by one Act of Parliament made in the fifth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth, enacted, against all such who shall commit wilful Perjury contrary to the said Act.

No Person or Persons shall be allowed to have any Vote in Election of Members to

Freeholder to be Sworn before admitted to Poll, if so required, by any Candidate.

Freeholders, or others committing Perjury, and convicted, for every Offence (forfeit 20 l. have half a years Imprisonment, and be incapacitated to take an Oath till such Judgment reversed, and for want of 20 l. to have their Ears nailed to the Pillory, per Stat. 5 Eliz. cap. 9.)

Trustees and Mortgagees not to be Electors, serve

England. serve in Parliament for or by reason of any Trust, Estate, or Mortgage, unless such Trustee or Mortgagee be in actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of the same Estate, but that the Mortgagor or *Cestui qui trust* in Possession, shall and may vote for the same Estate, notwithstanding such Mortgage or Trust. And that all Conveyances of any Mesfuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in any County, City, Burrough, Town-Corporate, Port or place, in order to multiply Voices, or to split and divide the Interest in any Houses or Lands among several Persons, to enable them to vote at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, are hereby declared to be void and of none effect; and that no more than one single Voice shall be admitted for one and the same House or Tenement.

No Person whatsoever being under the Age of 21 years shall at any time hereafter be admitted to give his Voice for Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament.

unless in possession, or receipt of the Rents of the Estate, but the Mortgagor or Person to whose use the Trust is.

Conveyances of Houses, Lands, &c. in Parcels to several Persons to multiply Votes declared void, and no more than one Vote to be admitted for one Tenement.

None to be an Elector under the age of 21 years.

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Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 27.

No Person who shall refuse to take the Oaths (of Allegiance and Supremacy, which see in the Appendix) directed by an Act made in the first year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the late Queen Mary, or being Quakers shall refuse to subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity directed by one other Act of Parliament made in the said first year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the late Queen (which see also in the Appendix) (to be administered on the Poll by the Sheriff or Chief Officer, at the request of any Candidate) shall be admitted to give any Vote for the Election of any Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgefs, or Baron of the Cinque-Ports, to serve in Parliament.

Electors refusing to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; or being Quakers, to subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, (to be administered by the Sheriff or chief Officer on the Poll at any Election, at the request of any Candidate) not to be admitted to vote.

Stat. 12 & 13 W. 3. ch. 10.

No Commissioner, Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer or Person concerned or employed in discharging, collecting, levying or managing the Customs, or any Branch or part thereof, shall by Word, Message or Writing, or in any other manner, endeavour to persuade any

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any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgeſs, or Baron of any County, City, Borough, or Cinque-Port; And every Officer or other Person offending therein ſhall forfeit the Sum of 100*l.* one Moiety to the Informer, the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, to be recovered by any Person that ſhall ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information in any of His Maſteſty's Courts of Record at Weſtmiſter; in which no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlanee ſhall be allowed; and every Person convicted on any ſuch Suit ſhall be incapable ever to bear any Office or Place of Truſt under the Crown.

Stat. 5 Annæ, ch. 8.

[The Union Act.]

FORTY five ſhall be the number of the Representatives of Scotland in the Houſe of Commons of the Parliament of Great Britain.

Enacted accordingly.

Of the ſaid Forty five Representatives of Scotland in the Houſe of Commons of the Parliament of Great Britain, Thirty ſhall be choſen by the Shires, and Fifteen by

Of the Forty five Representatives for Scotland, the Shires to chooſe Thirtiety, and the Roy-
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the Royal Burghs (as follows, viz.) one for every Shire and Steuartry, excepting the Shires of *Bute* and *Cathness*, which shall choose one by turns, *Bute* having the first Election; the Shires of *Nairn* and *Cromarty*, which shall also choose by turns, *Nairn* having the first Election; and in like manner the Shires of *Clackmannan* and *Kinross* shall choose by turns, *Clackmannan* having the first Election; And in case of the Death or legal Incapacity of any of the said Members from the respective Shires or Steuartries abovementioned to sit in the House of Commons, the Shire or Steuartry who elected the said Member shall elect another Member in his place. And that the said Fifteen Representatives for the Royal Burghs shall be chosen (as follows, viz.) That the Town of *Edinburgh* shall have Right to elect and send one Member to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, and that each of the other Burghs shall elect a Commissioner in the same manner as usual to elect Commissioners to the Parliament of *Scotland*, which Commissioners and Burghs

al Burghs Fif- *Gr. Britain.*
teen.

One for every Shire, except Bute and Cathness, which are to choose one by turns, Bute to have the first Election.

Nairn & Cromarty the like.

Clackmannan & Kinross the like.

In case of Death or legal Incapacity of any Member for a Shire, Election to be made by the Shire that chose last.

Of the Fifteen Representatives for the Royal Burghs,

Edinburgh to choose one.

Each of the other Burghs to elect a Commissioner as usual to the Parliament of Scotland.

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(*Edinburgh* excepted) being divided into fourteen Classes or Districts, shall meet at such time and Burghs within their respective Districts, as her Majesty, her Heirs or Successors shall appoint, and elect one for each District, (*viz.* the Burghs of *Kirkwall, Week, Dornock, Dingwall, and Tain*, one; The Burghs of *Fortrose, Inverness, Nairn, and Forreß*, one; The Burghs of *Elgin, Cullen, Banff, Inverary, and Kintore*, one; The Burghs of *Aberdeen, Inverbery, Montrose, Aberbrothock, and Brochine*, one; The Burghs of *Forfar, Perth, Dundee, Coupar, and St. Andrews*, one; The Burghs of *Craill, Kilrenny, Anstruther Easter, Anstruther Wester, and Pittenweem*, one; The Burghs of *Dysart, Kirkaldie, Kinghern, and Bruntisland*, one; The Burghs of *Innerkethen, Dunfermline, Queensferry, Culross, and Sterling*, one;

Such Commissioners and Burghs divided into fourteen Districts, to meet at such time and Burghs within their respective Districts as the Queen, &c. shall appoint, and choose one for each District.

Kirkwall, Week, Dornock, Dingwall, and Tain, one.

Fortrose, Inverness, Nairn, and Forreß, — one.

Elgin, Cullen, Banff, Inverary, and Kintore, — one.

Aberdeen, Inverbery, Montrose, Aberbrothock, and Brochine, — one.

Forfar, Perth, Dundee, Coupar, and St. Andrews, — one.

Craill, Kilrenny, Anstruther Easter, Anstruther Wester, and Pittenweem, — one.

Dysart, Kirkaldie, Kinghern, and Bruntisland, — one.

Innerkethen, Dunfermline, Queens-
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The Burghs of *Glasgow, Renfrew, Ruglen, and Dumbarton*, one; The Burghs of *Haddington, Dunbar, North-Berwick, Lauder, and Jedburgh*, one; The Burghs of *Selkirk, Peebles, Linlithgow, and Lanerk*, one; The Burghs of *Dumfreies, Sanquhar, Annan, Lockmaben, & Kirkeudbright*, one; The Burghs of *Wigtown, New Galloway, Stranraer, and Whiteherne*, one; and the Burghs of *Air, Irvin, Rothesay, Cambletown, and Inverary* one. And that where the Votes of the Commissioners for the said Burghs met to choose *Representatives* from their several Districts to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, shall be equal, in that case the President of the Meeting shall have a casting or decisive Vote, and that by and according to his Vote as a Commissioner from the Burgh from which he is sent; the Commissioner from the eldest Burgh presiding in

ferry, Culrofs, & *Gr. Britain.*
Sterling,—one.

Glasgow, Renfrew, Ruglen, & Dumbarton,—one.

Haddington, Dunbar, North-Berwick, Lauder, and Jedburgh—one.

Selkirk, Peebles, Linlithgow, and Lanerk—one.

Dumfreies, Sanquhar, Annan, Lockmaben, and Kirkeudbright,—one.

Wigtown, New Galloway, Stranraer, and Whitehern,—one.

Air, Irvin, Rothesay, Cambletown, and Inverary,—one.

If the Votes of the Commissioners for Burghs are equal, the President of the Meeting to have the casting Vote. The Commissioner of the eldest Burgh to preside first, the others in their respective Districts by turns.

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the first Meeting, and the Commissioners from the other Burghs in their respective Districts presiding afterwards by turns in the order as the said Burghs (*used to be*) called in the Rolls of the Parliament of *Scotland*; and that in case any of the said fifteen Commissioners from Burghs shall decease, or become legally incapable to sit in the House of Commons, then the Town of *Edinburgh* or the District which chose the said Member, shall elect a Member in his or their place.

That none shall be capable to elect (*a Representative for any Shire or Burgh of Scotland*) unless twenty one years of Age complete, and Protestant, excluding all Papists, or such who being suspect of Popery, and required refuse to Swear and Subscribe the *Formula*, contained in the third Act made in the eighth and ninth Sessions of King *William's* Parliament (*in Scotland, which see in the Appendix*) nor shall be capable to elect (*a Representative to*) a Shire or Burgh in the Parliament of Great Britain (*for Scotland*) except such as were (*at the time of passing this*

Like Election in case of death or legal incapacity of Members for Burghs as Shires, &c.

None capable to Elect under twenty one years of Age, nor unless Protestant. A Papist, and such as refuse the Formula excluded.

Like incapacity on all, not at this time capable by the Laws of Scotland.

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Act) capable by the Law of
(Scotland) to Elect as Com-
missioners for Shires or
Burghs to the Parliament of
Scotland.

Enacted accordingly.

Stat. 6 Annæ ch. 6.

Enacted, &c. That when
any Parliament shall at any
time hereafter be summoned
or called, (*on Notice to be
forthwith given after Receipt
of the Writs by the Sheriff or
Stewart of the time of Ele-
ction, for Knights of the
Shire or Commissioners for
Scotland*) at such time of E-
lection the several Freehol-
ders in the respective Shires,
and Stewartries shall meet and
convene at the Head Burghs
of their several Shires and
Stewarties, and proceed to
the Election of their respec-
tive Commissioners or
Knights for the Shire or
Stewartry, and the Clerks of
the said Meetings shall re-
spectively return the Names
of the Persons elected to the
Sheriff or Stewart of the
Shire or Stewartry, (*on a Pre-
cept in like manner to be di-
rected by the Sheriffs of E-*

Freeholders of
Scotland to meet
at the head
Burghs of the
Shires on notice
of the time of
the Election, to
be given them by
the Sheriff, and
proceed to elect
their Knights to
be return'd by
their Clerks to
the Sheriff.

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Edinburgh to the Lord Provost of that City) and Receipt of such Precept the City of Edinburgh shall elect their Member, and their common Clerk shall certify his name to the Sheriff of Edinburgh.

On Precepts in like manner to be directed by the Sheriffs or Stewarts of the several Shires or Stewartries, where the other fourteen Districts of Royal Burghs respectively are, reciting the contents and date of the Writ, and commanding them to elect each of them a Commissioner, as they used formerly to elect Commissioners to the Parliament of Scotland, and to order the respective Commissioners to meet at the presiding Borough of their respective District (naming it) on the thirtieth day after the Teste of the Writ, unless Sunday, and then the next day after, and then to chuse their Burgeſs for the Parliament. The common Clerk of the then presiding Borough, shall immediately after the Election return the name of the Person so elected to the Sheriff or Stewart of the Shire, or Stewartry wherein such pre-

City of Edinburgh on precept from their Sheriff to their Provost to elect their Member, and their common Clerk to make the return in like manner.

Royal Burghs on like Precepts reciting the Date and contents of the Writ, to Elect their Commissioners as usual to the Parliament of Scotland, and each Commissioner of each Burgh in each District to meet at the presiding Borough of such District, the thirtieth day after the date of the Writ, unless Sunday, and then Monday, & then to chuse their Burgeſs, & their common Clerk

forthwith to make the return in like manner.

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siding Borough is. And in case a vacancy shall happen in time of Parliament by the decease, or legal incapacity of any Member, a new Member shall be elected in his room conformable to the Method herein before appointed, and in case such Vacancy be of a Representative for any one of the said fourteen Classes, or Districts for Royal Boroughs, that Borough which presided at the Election of the deceased or disabled Member, shall be the presiding Borough at such new Election.

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Electing in case
of Vacancy in
Parliament time
by decease, or in-
capacity of a
Member, and if
for a Burgh, the
presiding Burgh
at the first, to pre-
side at the new
Election.*

Stat. 6 Annæ ch. 23.

Enacted, &c. That every Person who shall refuse to take the Oath (of *Abjuration*, which see in *Appendix*) or being a Quaker shall refuse to declare the effect thereof, upon his Solemn Affirmation as directed by an Act of Parliament made in the seventh year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* (the form whereof, see also in the *Appendix*) to be administred by the Sheriff, President of the Meeting, or Chief Officer taking the Poll at any Election of Members to serve in the

Electors of
Members of Par-
liament in Great
Britain, or of
Commissioners
for choosing Bur-
gesses in Scot-
land, refusing to
take the *Abjura-
tion Oath*, (or, if
Quakers, the ef-
fect, upon Affir-
mation) to be ad-
ministred by the
Sheriff President
of the Meeting,
&c. at the re-
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Gr. Britain. *House of Commons for any place in Great Britain, or Commissioners for choosing Burgeses in for any place in Scotland, at the request of any Candidate, or other Person present, shall not be capable of giving any Vote for the Election of any such Member to serve in the House of Commons for any place in Great Britain, or Commissioner to chuse a Burgess for any place in Scotland.*

Stat. 9. Annæ

Enacted, That every Person (except the eldest Son or Heir apparent of a Peer or of a Person qualified by this Act to serve as Knight of a Shire, or such as shall be elected for each of the Universities of England) shall upon Request at the Time of Election, or before, the Day to be prefixed in the Writ of Summons for the meeting of (any subsequent) Parliament by any Two or more Persons having a Right to vote at such Elections, take a Corporal Oath in the Form (in this Act contained; which see in the Appendix.)

Candidates to be sworn to their Estates, if required by two Electors.

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The respective Oaths aforesaid, shall be administred by the Sheriff or Under-Sheriff for any County, or by the Mayor, Bayliff or other Officers for any City, Burrough, &c. to whom it shall appertain to take the Poll, or make the Return at such Election, or by any Two Justices of the Peace within *England*, &c. and if any of the said Candidates shall wilfully refuse to take the Oath, the Election and Return of such Candidate and Person shall be void.

The Oaths to be Gr. Britain, administred by the Sheriff or other Officer by whom the Poll is to be taken, or Return made, or Two or more Justices of the Peace.

The Election and Return of Candidates refusing to take the Oaths, void.

Stat. 10 Annæ.

Enacted, That all Estates and Conveyances made to any Persons, in any Collusive Manner, to qualify them to give their Votes at Elections of Knights of the Shire (*subject to Conditions to determine or re-convey such Estate*) shall be taken against those Persons who executed the same, as free and absolute, and be holden by all such Persons to whom such Conveyance shall be made, freely acquitted from all Manner of Trusts, Clauses of Re-Entry, &c. between the said Parties, and all Bonds, Covenants, &c.

Collusive Estates made to qualify Electors for Knights of the Shire made absolute, and all Bonds, &c. for restoring the same, void.

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for the Restoring thereof, shall be null and void; and every Person who shall make and execute such Conveyances, or being privy to such Purpose, shall devise or prepare the same, or any Person who, by Colour thereof, shall give any Vote at any Election of Knights of a Shire, shall forfeit 40 *l.* to any that will sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit by Action of Debt, &c. in any of her Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, wherein no Escoin, &c. or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed.

After *May 1. 1712.* No Person shall Vote for the electing of a Knight of a Shire in *England*, in Right of any Lands which have not been assessed to the Publick Taxes, Church-Rates, and Parish-Duties, in such Proportion as other Lands of 40 *s. per Annum* in the Parish where the same shall be, and for which such person shall not have received the Rents, or be entitled so to do, to the Value of 40 *s.* or more, to his own Use, for one Year before such Election, unless it come by Descent, Marriage, Devise, or Presentation to some Be-

The Maker, Adviser, and Voter, forfeit 40 l. each, with full Costs, &c. to any that will sue for the same, &c.

None after the 1st of May 1712 shall vote in Right of Lands not assessed to the Taxes, Rates, &c. in Proportion to other Lands of 40 s. per An. in the same Parish, and for which he shall not have received or be entitled to 40 s. Rent or more to his own Use before the Election, unless come by Descent

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ness, &c. and voting contrary to the true Intent hereof shall forfeit 40 l. one Moiety to the Poor where the Lands lie, the other to the Person suing for the same.

The Act (7 W. 3.) as to so much only as concerns the Oath (*to be administred to Freeholders*) shall be, and is hereby repealed.

And upon every Election to be made of a Knight of a Shire within *England*, every Freeholder, before he is admitted to Poll, shall if required by the Candidates, or any of them, or any other Person having a Right of vote, First take the Oath (*in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix*) which Oath the Sheriff, &c. is to administer; and such or any other Person being convicted of wilful Perjury, or suborning any Freeholder, &c. to commit such Perjury, he shall incur the Penalties in the Act 5 Eliz. for punishing Perjury.

And if any Quaker during the Continuance of an Act (7 W. 3.) Intituled an Act, That the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the u-

cent, &c.

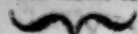
Voting otherwise forfeits 40 l. half to the Poor, half to him that sues, to be recovered, &c. as above.

Freeholder to be sworn before admitted to Poll, if required by any Candidate or Voter.

Freeholders or other Persons convicted of Perjury, for every Offence forfeit 20 l. suffers half a Year's Imprisonment, is incapacitated to take an Oath till such Judgment be reversed, and for want of 20 l. to have his Ears nailed to the Pillory, per Stat. 5. Eliz.

Convicted of Subornation of Perjury for every Offence

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usual Form, shall upon such Election if required by the Candidates, or any of them, declare the Effect of the said Oath upon his solemn Affirmation, in such Manner and Form as is directed by the said Act, every such *Quaker* shall be capable, and admitted to give his Vote for the Election of any such Member within *England*; and every Sheriff, &c. is hereby authorized and required to accept such Affirmation instead of the said Oath. And in Case any such *Quaker* shall be convicted wilfully, falsely and corruptly to have affirmed or declared any Matter or Thing; which if the same had been in the usual Form, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury; every such *Quaker* so offending, shall incur the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as are herein before enacted against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

sence (forfeits 40 l. and the like Incapacity; and for want of 40 l. to stand in the Pillory an Hour by the same Statute.)

Quakers capacitated to Vote during the Act 7 W. 3. And their Affirmation to the Effect of the Oaths according to the said Act, to be accepted instead thereof by the Sheriff, &c.

Quaker convicted of affirming what would have been Perjury by the usual Form, to incur the same Penalties as others, per Stat. 5. Eliz. as above.

1 Stat. 12 Annæ.

Enacted, That the aforesaid Act (10 Annæ) shall not extend to restrain any Person from voting in Right of any

Persons capacitated to Vote, in Right of Rents, Tithes, and other Rents,

Rents, Tithes or other incorporeal Inheritances, or any Messuages or Lands in Extra-Parochial Places, or any Chambers in the Inns of Court or Inns of Chancery, or any Messuages or Seats belonging to any Offices; or in Right of any other Messuages or Lands that have not been usually charged and assessed to all and every the Publick Taxes, Church-Rates and Parish-Duties, Provided, such Messuages or Lands have been usually charged or assessed to some one, or more of the said Publick Taxes, Rates, or Duties in such Proportion, as other Messuages or Lands of 40 s. *per Annum* within the same Parish or Township where the same shall lye, are usually charged.

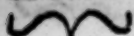
incorporeal Inheritances, Messuages or Lands Extra-Parochial, Chambers in Inns of Courts or Chancery, Messuages or Seats belonging to Offices; and recapitulated in Right of any other Messuages or Lands not usually charged to all, but one or more of the Publick Taxes, Rates, &c. Gr. Britain.

2 Stat. 12 Annæ.

Enacted, That from and after the Determination of this present Parliament no Conveyance or Right whatsoever, whereupon Infeoffment is not taken, and Seisin registered One Year before the Teste of the Writs for calling a New Parliament, shall upon Objection made in that Be-

No Conveyance or Right after the End of this Parliament, whereon Infeoffment is not taken, and Seisin registred a Year before the Teste of the Writs, shall half,

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half, entitle the Person or Persons, so infest, to vote at that Election, in any Shire or Stewartry in that Part of Great-Britain call'd Scotland; And in Case any Election happen, during the Continuance of a Parliament, no Conveyance or Right whatsoever, whereupon Infeoffment is not taken One Year before the Date of the Warrant for making out a new Writ for such Election, upon Objection made in that Behalf, entitle the Person or Persons so infest, to vote at that Election; And that it shall be lawful for any of the Electors present, suspecting any Person or Persons to have his or their Estates in Trust, and for the Behoof of another, to require the Preses of the Meeting to tender the Oath (*in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix*) to any Elector; and the said Preses is hereby impowred and required to administer the same.

In Case such Elector refuse to swear, and also to subscribe the said Oath, such Person or Persons shall not be capable of voting at such Election.

entitle the Person to Vote, for the Election in any Shire or Stewartry in Scotland.

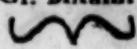
The like as to Infeoffment not taken a Year before the Date of a Warrant for a new Writ during the Continuance of a Parliament. Any Elector present suspecting Persons to have Estates in Trust, may require the Preses of the Meeting to swear such to their Estates.

Elector refusing to swear and subscribe the Oath, incapable to Vote.

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Notwithstanding such Oath taken, it shall be lawful to make such other Objections as are allowed by the Laws of *Scotland* against such Electors.

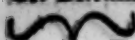
No Infeoffment taken upon any redeemable Right (except proper Wadsetts, Adjudications, or Apprisings allowed by the Act of Parliament relating to Elections in One thousand six hundred eighty one,) shall entitle the Persons so infeft, to vote at any Election in any Shire or Stewatry; And no Person or Persons who have not been enrolled and voted at former Elections, shall upon any Pretence whatsoever be enrolled or admitted to vote at any Election, except he or they first produce a sufficient Right or Title to qualify him or them to vote at that Election, to the Satisfaction of the Freeholders formerly enrolled, or the Majority of them present; and the returning Officers are hereby ordained to make their Returns of the Persons elected, by the Majority of the Freeholders enrolled, and those admitted by them, reserving always the Liberty of

Other Objections allowed by the Laws of Scotland lawful to be made against Electors. Gr. Britain: 

No Infeoffment taken upon any redeemable Right (except proper Wadsetts, Adjudications, or Apprisings allowed per Act, 1681.) shall entitle the Person to vote.

None not enrolled and voted at former Elections, shall be enrolled or admitted to vote without producing a sufficient Qualification to the Satisfaction of a Majority of the Freeholders present.

Persons elected by a Majority of the Freeholders enrolled, to be returned with Liberty of objecting against Per-
objecting

Gr. Britain.  objecting against the Persons admitted to, or excluded from the Roll, as formerly.

The Right of apparent Heirs in Voting at Elections by Virtue of their Predecessor's Infeoffments, and of Husbands by Virtue of their Wives Infeoffments, is reserved to them as formerly.

Any Conveyance, or Right, which by the Laws of Scotland is sufficient to qualify any Person to vote in the Elections of Members of Parliament for Shires or Stewartries, and whereupon Infeoffment is taken on, or before the first Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirteen, shall entitle the Person or Persons so infeft, to vote at the Election of Members to serve in the next ensuing Parliament.

No Husband shall vote at any ensuing Election by Virtue of their Wives Infeoffments, who are not Heiresses, or have not Right to the Property of the Lands, on Account whereof such Vote shall be claimed.

sons admitted to, or excluded from the Roll as formerly.

The Rights of Heirs Apparent in Voting by their Predecessor's Infeoffments and of Husbands by their Wives, reserved.

Any Conveyance or Right by the Laws of Scotland sufficient to qualify a Voter in Elections for Shires or Stewartries, whereon Infeoffment taken before June 1. 1713. a Qualification for future Voting generally.

Husbands not to vote by their Wives Infeoffments who are not Heiresses, nor have Right to the Property of the Lands for which such Vote claimed.

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Stat. 34 E. 1. ch. 1.

NO Tallage or Aid shall be taken or levied by us, or our Heirs in our Realm without the Good will and Assent of Archbishops, Bishops, Earls, Barons, *Knights, Burgeses*, and other Freemen of the Land.

Stat. 3 R. 2. ch. 4.

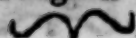
The King doth Will and Command, and it is assented in the Parliament by the Prelates, Lords and Commons, that all and singular Persons and Commonalties, which from henceforth shall have the Summons of Parliament shall come from henceforth to the Parliaments in the manner as they are bound to do, and have been accustomed within the Realm of *England*, of old times.

And if any Person of the same Realm, which from henceforth shall have the said Summons (be He Knight of

Persons and Commonalty summoned to Parliament *duly to attend.*

Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses *absenting, to be amerced the*

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the Shire, Citizen of City, Burgefs of Borough, or other fingular Person, or Commonalty) do absent himself, and come not at the same Summons (except he may reasonably, and honestly excuse him to our Lord the King) he shall be amerced, and otherwise punished according as in old times hath been used within the said Realm in the said Case.

and otherwise punished as in old times used.

Stat. 1 H. 5. ch. 1.

That the Knights of the Shires which from henceforth shall be chosen in every Shire, be not chosen unless they be resident within the Shire, where they shall be chosen, the day of the date of the Writ of the Summons of Parliament.

And moreover it is ordained and established, That the Citizens and Burgeses of the Cities and Boroughs be chosen Men, Citizens and Burgeses, Resiant, Dwelling, and Free in the same Cities and Boroughs, and no other in any wise.

Knights of the Shires to be elected of such only who reside within the Counties they are chosen for at the date of the Writ.

Citizens and Burgeses in like manner to reside in and be free of the Cities and Boroughs, they are elected for.

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Stat. 8-H. 6. ch. 7.

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That such as have the greatest number of them that may expend 40*s.* by the year, and above, shall be returned (Knights of the Shire,) &c. and that they which shall be chosen shall be dwelling, and resident within the same Counties.

Knights of the Shires, shall be such as have the majority of those that can expend 40*s.* a year, or more, and shall be resident in their Counties (Generally.)

Stat. 23 H. 6. ch. 15.

Ordained, &c. That every Sheriff after the delivery of any Writ (of Election) to him made, shall make and deliver without fraud, a sufficient Precept under his Seal to every Mayor and Bailiff, or to Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, of the Cities and Boroughs within his County, reciting the said Writ, commanding them by his Precept, if it be a City, to choose, &c. Citizens; and in the same manner if it be a Borough, &c.

And that every Sheriff at every time that he doth contrary to this Statute, or any other Statutes for the Election of Knights, Citizens, and

Citizens and Burgeses only to be elected by Citizens and Burgeses, and the Sheriff shall direct his Precept accordingly.

Knights, Citizens, or Burgeses elected, and not duly return'd, (the Sheriff Bur-

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Burgesses to come to the Parliament, before this time made, shall forfeit and pay to every person chosen Knight, Citizen or Burgess in his County, and not duly returned, 100*l.* whereof every Knight, Citizen or Burgess so griev'd severally shall have his Action of Debt against the said Sheriff, or his Executors or Administrators, to demand and have the said 100*l.* with his Costs spent in that case. And that in such Action taken by virtue of this Statute the Defendant shall not wage his Law of the Demand aforesaid in any wise. And that no Defendant in such Action shall have any Essoin.

And that in the same manner at any time that any Mayor and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, shall return others than those which be chosen, &c. shall forfeit and pay to every person hereafter chosen Citizen or Burgess to come to the Parliament, and not by the same Mayor and Bailiff, or Bailiff or Bailiffs where no Mayor is, returned, 40*l.* whereof every of the Citizens and Burgesses so grieved severally shall have his Action

*riff acting contrary to this Stat. or any former Stat. for Elections) to have Action of Debt against him, his Executors or Administrators, for 100*l.* with Costs, wherein no Wager of Law, &c. shall be allowed.*

*The like Action given against Mayor or Bailiffs, their Executors or Administrators for 40*l.* Debt and Costs, for returning others than such as are chosen Citizens and Burgesses by Citizens and Burgesses.*

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of Debt against every of the said Mayor and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, or against their Executors, or Administrators, to demand and have of every the said Mayors and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, 40 l. with his Costs in this case expended.

And that in such Action of Debt taken by force of this Statute, no Defendant in any wise shall wage his Law of the said Demand, nor have any Effoin.

Provided always, That every Knight, Citizen and Burgeses to come to any Parliament hereafter to be holden, in due form chosen, and not returned as afore is said, shall begin his Action of Debt aforesaid within three months after the same Parliament commenced, to proceed in the same Suit effectually, without fraud.

And if an Knight, Citizen or Burgeses hereafter returned by the Sheriff to come to the Parliament in the manner aforesaid, after such Return be by any person put out, and another put in his place, that such person so put in the place

Such Knight, Citizen and Burgeses to commence the Action within 3 months after the commencement of such Parliament, and proceed therein without Fraud.

In case of a Knight, Citizen, or Burgeses returned and put out, 100 l. forfeited to the King by any person put in his
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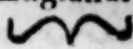
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of him which is out, if he take upon him to be Knight, Citizen or Burgeſſ at any Parliament in time to come, ſhall forfeit to the King 100 *l.* and 100 *l.* to the Knight, Citizen or Burgeſſ ſo returned by the Sheriff, and after, as afore is ſaid, put out. And that the Knight, Citizen or Burgeſſ which is ſo put out ſhall have an Action of Debt of the ſame 100 *l.* againſt ſuch perſon put in his place, his Executors or Adminiſtrators, provided always that he ſhall begin his Suit within 3 months after the Parliament commenced, &c. And that no Defendant in ſuch Action ſhall wage his Law, nor be effoined. And that ſuch Proceſs ſhall be in the Actions aforeſaid, as in a Writ of Treſpaſs done againſt the Peace, at the Common Law.

So that the Knights of the Shires for the Parliament hereafter to be choſen ſhall be notable Knights of the ſame Counties for the which they ſhall be choſen, or otherwiſe ſuch notable Eſquires or Gentlemen born of the ſame Counties as ſhall be able to be Knights. And no man to

place, and ſerving as ſuch. And a like Action againſt him, &c. for 100 *l.* Debt, and Coſts given to the party grieved, to be commenced within 3 months after the commencement of ſuch Parliament. And like Proceſs as in Treſpaſs at Common Law.

Provided that Knights of the Shires be Knights of the Counties they ſhall be elected for, or Eſquires, or Gentlemen able to be Knights, be

be such Knight, which standeth in the degree of a Yeoman, or under. *and not Yeomen, or under.* 

Stat. 6 H. 8. ch. 16.

Enacted, &c. That from henceforth no Knights (of Shires) Citizens, Burgesles, and Barons (of Cinque-Ports) nor any of them that shall hereafter be elected to come or be in any Parliament, do not depart from the said Parliament, nor absent himself from the same, till the said Parliament be fully finished, ended or prorogued, except he or they so departing have Licence of the Speaker and Commons in the said Parliament assembled, and the same Licence be entred of Record in the Book of the Clerk of the Parliament appointed or to be appointed for the Commons House, &c.

Knights, Citizens, &c. *not to depart or be absent from Parliament, without leave of the House of Commons, to be entred in the Journal.*

Stat. 27 H. 8. ch. 26.

Enacted, &c. That the two Knights to be chosen and elected to Parliament for the Shire of Monmouth (heretofore part of Wales) and the one Burges for the Borough of Monmouth, shall have like

The two Knights to be elected for the County of Monmouth, and one Burges for the Borough of Dig-

England. Dignity, Preeminence and Privilege, as other Knights and Burgeses of the Parliament.

And that the Knight *which* shall be chosen, and elected to the Parliaments for the Shires of *Brecknock, Radnor, Montgomery, and Denbigh*, and for every other Shire within the Country or Dominion of *Wales*, and for every other Borough being a Shire-Town within the said Country or Dominion of *Wales* shall have like Dignity, Preeminence, and Privilege, as other Knights of Parliament.

Monmouth to have like Privilege, &c. as other Knights of Parliament.

The Knight for each County, and Burgeses for each Shire-Town in Wales, to have like Privileges, &c.

Stat. 34 & 35 H. 8. ch. 13.

Enacted, &c. That the two Knights to be elected for the County Palatine of *Chester* and two Citizens, as Burgeses for the City of *Chester*, shall be Knights and Burgeses of the Court of Parliament, and have like Voice and Authority, to all intents and purposes, as any other the Knights and Burgeses of the said Court of Parliament have, use and enjoy, &c.

The two Knights for the County, and two Burgeses for the City of *Chester*, to have like Privileges, &c.

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Stat. 5 Eliz. ch. 1.

Enacted, &c. That every Person which hereafter shall be elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen or Burgess, or Baron for any of the five Ports for any Parliament or Parliaments hereafter to be holden, shall from henceforth before he shall enter into the Parliament House, or have any Voice there, openly receive and pronounce the Oath (*expressed in the Stat. 1 Eliz. ch. 1. commonly called the Oath of Supremacy) before the Lord Steward (of the Queen's Household) for the time being, or his Deputy or Deputies for that time to be appointed, and that he which shall enter into the Parliament House, without taking the said Oath, shall be deemed no Knight, Citizen, Burgess nor Baron for that Parliament, nor shall have any Voice, but shall be to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if he had never been returned, nor elected Knight, Citizen, Burgess or Baron for that Parliament, and shall suffer such Pains and Penalties, as if he had presumed to

Knights, Citizens, &c. before their sitting in the Parliament House, to take the Oath of Supremacy before the Lord Steward, or his Deputies, for the contrary to lose their Memberships, and incur such Penalties as if they had sate without Election, Return, &c.

* The Oath of Supremacy mentioned in this Act, is abrogated by the Stat. 1 W. & M. ch. 1. and a new one appointed, which see in the Appendix.

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Stat. 7 Jac. I. ch. 6.

Enacted, &c. That all and every the Knights, Citizens, Burgesſes and Barons of the five Ports of the Commons Houſe of Parliament, at any Parliament or Session of the Parliament hereafter to be aſſembled, before he or they ſhall be permitted to enter into the ſaid Houſe, (*ſhall make, take and receive * the Oath of Obedience mentioned in the Statute of 3 Ja. I. ch. 4. commonly called the Oath of Allegiance*) before the Lord Steward for the time being (*of the King's Houſehold*) his Deputy or Deputies.

Knights, Citizens, &c. at any Parliament, or Sessions, to take the Oath of Allegiance before the Lord Steward, &c. *e're they be permitted to ſit.*

* The Oath of Allegiance mentioned in this Act, is abrogated by the Statute of 1 W. & M. ch. I. and a new one appointed, which ſee in the Appendix.

Stat. 25 C. 2. ch. 9.

Enacted, &c. That the two Knights to be elected for the County, and the two Citizens as Burgesſes for the City of Durham (*the Election of Knights of the Shire, to be by Majority of Freeholders, and the Burgesſes by a Majority of the Mayor, Aldermen and Free-men preſent at ſuch Election*).

The two Knights to be elected for the County and two Burgesſes for the City of Durham, by a majority of Freeholders, and a like majority of
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shall be by Authority of this Act, Knights and Burgesſes of the High Court of Parliament, to all intents and purpoſes, and have, and uſe the like Voice, Authority and Places therein, to all intents and purpoſes, as any other the Knights and Burgesſes of the ſaid High Court of Parliament, have, uſe and enjoy, and likewiſe ſhall, and may by vertue of this preſent Act take, have, uſe and enjoy all ſuch and the like Liberties, Advantages, Dignities and Privileges concerning the ſaid Court of Parliament, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, as any other the Knights and Burgesſes of the ſaid High Court of Parliament have taken, had, uſed or enjoyed, or ſhall, may, or ought hereafter to have, take or enjoy.

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Stat. 30 Car. 2. ch. 1.

Enacted, &c. That none which ſhall be a Member of the Houſe of Commons ſhall vote in the Houſe of Commons, or ſit there during any Debate in the ſaid Houſe of Commons after their Speaker is choſen, until ſuch Mem-

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If any Member of the House of Commons shall presume to do any thing contrary to this Act, every Member so offending shall from thenceforth be deemed and adjudged a Popish Recusant Convict, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall forfeit and suffer as a Popish Recusant Convict, and shall be disabled

have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and subscribed the Test, between the hours of 9 and 4, in a full House.

* These Oaths are abrogated by *Stat. 1. W. & M. ch. 1.* and new ones appointed, which see in the Appendix.

Members acting contrary to this Act shall be adjudged Popish Recusants convict, and suffer as such, and be disabled to hold any Office or place of
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to hold or execute any Office or place of Profit or Trust, Civil or Military, in any of His Majesties Realms of *England* or *Ireland*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or in any of His Majesty's Realms, Islands or Foreign Plantations to the said Realms belonging, and shall be disabled from thenceforth to sit or vote in Parliament, or to sue or use any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information in course of Law, or to prosecute any Suit in any Court of Equity, or to be Guardian of any Child, or Executor or Administrator of any person, or capable of any Legacy or Deed of Gift, and shall forfeit for every wilful Offence against this Act the Sum of 500*l.* to be recovered or received by him or them that will sue for the same, and to be prosecuted by any Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, where no *Essoin*, *Protection*, or *Wager of Law* shall lie.

It shall be lawful to and for the House of Commons, as often as they shall see occasion, to order or cause all

*Profit or Trust in England or its Dominions, to sit or vote in Parliament, bring any Action or Information at Law, or Suit in Equity, be Guardian of any Child, Executor or Administrator of any person, or capable of any Legacy or Deed of Gift, and forfeit 500*l.* for every Offence to any that will sue by Action of Debt, &c. where no Essoin, &c. shall lie.*

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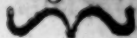
England. or any of the Members of Parliament openly in their House to take the said Oaths, and to make and subscribe the said Declaration, at such times, and in such manner, as they shall appoint. And if any Member or Members of the House of Commons shall, contrary to such Order made by their House, wilfully presume to sit therein, without taking the said Oaths, and making and subscribing the said Declaration, every such Member or Members of the House of Commons so presuming to sit, shall be adjudged, and is hereby declared to be incapable and disabled in Law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to sit in the said House of Commons, or give any Voice therein during that Parliament.

And in every case where any Member or Members of the House of Commons shall by virtue of this Act be disabled to sit or vote in the House of Commons, then, and in every such case, without any further Conviction, or other proceedings against such Member or Members, the place or places for which they or any of them were e-

Test in the House as often as the House shall think fit, and Members acting contrary, and presuming to sit, incapacitated during that Parliament.

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lected, is hereby declared void, and a new Writ or Writs shall issue out of the High Court of *Chancery*, by Warrant or Warrants from the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, and by Order of the said House, for the Election of a new Member or Members to serve in the House of Commons in the place or places of such Member or Members so disabled, to all intents and purposes as if such Member or Members were naturally dead, &c.

During the taking the Oaths and subscribing the Test, all other Proceedings in Parliament to cease, and the Oath, Declaration and Subscription, with a Schedule of the Names of the persons taking and subscribing them, to be entred and filed in Parchment-Rolls provided by the Clerk of the House, and each Member to pay only 12d. for every such Entry.

Stat. 1 W. & M. ch. 1.

Enacted, &c. That the Act made in the 30th year of K. Ch. 2. and all other Acts of Parliament, as to so much of

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the said Act or Acts only as concerns the taking the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, or either of them, in the said Acts respectively mentioned, by any Member or Members of the House of Commons with relation to their sitting and voting in Parliament, shall be, and are hereby repealed to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said recited Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding. In all future Parliaments the Oaths (*in this Act mentioned (which see in the Appendix)*) and the Declaration in the Act made in the 30th year of K. Ch. 2. mentioned, (*which also see in the Appendix*) shall be taken, made, subscribed and repeated by every Member of the House of Commons, within the time, and in the same manner and form, and under the Penalties and Disabilities as the said Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the said Declaration by the said Act of the 30th year of K. Ch. 2. are limited, ordained and appointed to be taken, made, subscribed, and repeated, and not at any other time, or in any other man-

vote by taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy appointed by this Act (instead of the old ones, now repealed) and by subscribing the Test according to the limitations, &c. of the preceding Statute, 30 Car. 2.

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ner, to enable them to sit and vote in Parliament, any thing in the said Act or Acts, or in any of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Stat. 1 W. & M. ch. 2.

[The Claim of Right.]

That Elections of Members of Parliament ought to be Free.

That the Freedom of Speech and Debates on Proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any Court or Place out of Parliament.

Enacted accordingly.

Stat. 5 & 6 W. & M. ch. 7.

Enacted, &c. That no Member of the House of Commons shall at any time be concern'd directly or indirectly, or any other in trust for him, in the forming, collecting or managing any of the Duties, or other Aids that hereafter shall be granted by Act of Parliament, (except the Commissioners of the Treasury, * and the Officers and Commissioners for managing the Customs and Excise, *not exceeding the present number in each Office*

Members of the House of Commons to be no ways concern'd in Duties or Aids to be granted by Parliament, except Commissioners of the Treasury, Customs, Excise and Land Tax.

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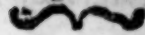
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and in the Customs by Stat. 12 & 13. W. 3. Ch. 10.

Stat. 5 & 6 W. & M. ch. 20.

Enacted, &c. That it shall and may be lawful, to, and for any Member or Members of the House of Commons to be a Member or Members of the Corporation (of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England,) No Collector, Supervisor, Gauger, or other Officer, or Person whatsoever concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying or managing the Duties of Excise, or any Branch, or part thereof shall, by Word, Message or Writing, or in any other manner endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess or Baron of any County, City, Borough, or Cinque-Port, and every Officer, or other Person offending therein, shall forfeit the Sum of 100l. one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other Moiety to

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the Poor of the Parish where such offence shall be committed, to be recovered by any Person that shall Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of their Majesties Courts of Record at Westminster, in which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or more than one Impar lance shall be allowed, and every Person Convict on such Suit of the said Offence, shall be for ever incapacitated to bear any Office or Place of Trust under the Crown.

Stat. 7 W. 3. ch. 4.

Enacted, &c. That no Persons hereafter to be elected to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, Borough, Port or Place within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, after the Teste of the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or after the Teste, or the issuing out, or ordering of the Writ or Writs of Election upon the calling, or summoning of any Parliament hereafter, or after any such place becomes vacant, shall, or do hereafter by him-

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No Persons to be elected after the Teste of the Writ shall by themselves or any other ways at their charge before the Election, give, promise or oblige themselves to give any thing to any Person, having a Vote in particular, or to any County or Place in general, in order be elected.
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self, or themselves, or by any other ways or means on his or their behalf, or at his or their charge, before his or their Election to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, Borough, Port or Place within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, directly or indirectly give, present or allow to any Person or Persons, having Voice or Vote in such Election, any Money, Meat, Drink, Entertainment or Provision, or make any Present, Gift, Reward or Entertainment, or shall at any time hereafter make any Promise, Agreement, Obligation or Engagement to give, or allow any Money, Meat, Drink, Provision, Present, Reward or Entertainment to, or for any such Person or Persons in Particular, or to any such County, City, Town, Borough, Port or Place in General, or to or for the use, advantage, benefit, employment, profit or preferment of any such Person or Persons, Place or Places in order to be elected, or for being elected to serve in Parlia-

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ment, for such County, City, Town, Borough, Port, or Place.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared, that every Person or Persons so giving, presenting or allowing, making, promising or engaging, doing, acting or proceeding, shall be, and hereby are declared, and enacted, to be disabled and incapacitated upon such Election to serve in Parliament for such County, City, Town, Borough, Port or Place, and that such Person or Persons shall be deemed, and taken no Member in Parliament, and shall not act, sit or have any Vote or Place in Parliament, but shall be, and are hereby declared and enacted to be, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if they had been never returned, or elected Members for the Parliament.

Such Persons so giving, promising, &c. disabled to serve, but declared to be as if never elected or returned.

Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 7. and continued by Stat. 12 & 13 W. 3. ch. 5.

Enacted, &c. That all false Returns wilfully made of any Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess, Baron of the Cinque-ports, or other

False Returns of Knights, Citizens, &c. illegal and prohibited.

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The Party grieved (by any false return, and contrary to the last determination of the Right of Election of the House of Commons, which is also adjudg'd a False Return) (to wit) every person that shall be duly elected to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, Cinque-Port, or Place, by such False Return, may sue the Officers and Persons making or procuring the same, or any of them, at his Election, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, and shall recover double the Damage he shall sustain by reason thereof, together with his full Costs of such Suit.

Any Officer that shall wilfully, falsely and maliciously return more persons than are required to be chosen by the Writ or Precept on which any Choice is made, the like Remedy may be had against him or them, and the party or parties that willingly procure the same, and every or any of them, by the party grieved at his Election.

An Action given to any duly elected against the Officer for, and Procurer of, a False Return, or Return contrary to the last determination of the Right of Election in the House of Commons, in any of the Courts at Westminster, with double Damages, and full Costs.

Like Action given the elected against Officer, &c. falsely, &c. making Double Returns, and the Procurers of such Returns.

All Contracts, Promises, Bonds and Securities whatsoever hereafter made or given to procure any Return of any Member to serve in Parliament, or any thing relating thereunto, be adjudged void; And that whoever makes or gives such Contract, Security, Promise or Bond, or any Gift or Reward to procure such False or Double Return, shall forfeit the Sum of 300*l*. One third part thereof to be to His Majesty, another third part thereof to the Poor of the County, City, Borough or Place concerned, and one third part thereof to the Informer, with his Costs, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, nor more than one Impar lance.

The Clerk of the Crown to keep a Book of Entry of every Single and Double Return, and of every Alteration and Amendment in every such Return, whereto all persons to have access, and take Copies of so much as desir'd at a reasonable Fee — The parties

*Contracts, England. Bonds, &c. given to procure the Return of any Members, adjudg'd void, and such (Members) as make or give them to procure any False or Double Return, forfeit 300*l*. One third to the King, another to the Poor of the County, City, &c. and a third to the Informer with his Costs, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. wherein no Effoin, &c. and but one Impar lance allowed.*

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Every Information or Action brought upon this Statute, shall be brought within the space of two years after the cause of Action shall arise, and not after.

Informations or Actions on this Statute to be brought within two years after the Cause of Action.

Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 25.

Enacted, &c. That upon every Election to be made of any Knight or Knights of the Shire (in case a Poll shall be required) the Sheriff or his Under-Sheriff shall appoint for each Candidate such one person as shall be nominated

Candidates for Knights of the Shire may nominate persons to be Inspectors of every Clerk for taking the Poll, and may require each

to him by each Candidate to be Inspectors of every Clerk who shall be appointed for taking the Poll; and every Freeholder, before he is admitted to poll at the same Election, shall, if required by the Candidates or any of them, first take the Oath (*in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix.*)

And if any person do unlawfully and corruptly procure or suborn any Freeholder or other person to take the said Oath in order to be polled, whereby he shall commit wilful and corrupt Perjury, and shall be thereof convicted, He for every such Offence shall incur the like Pains and Penalties as are in and by one Act of Parliament made in the fifth year of the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth, &c. enacted against all such who shall, &c. suborn or procure any person to commit any unlawful and corrupt Perjury contrary to the said Act.

The said Sheriff, or in his absence his Under-Sheriff, or such as he shall depute, shall not adjourn the County-Court from the place of Election to

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Any Person procuring a Freeholder or other to take the Oath for the Poll, whereby he commits Perjury, and convicted of such Subornation, for every Offence (forfeits 40 l. and be incapacitated as a Witness till such Judgment be reversed; and for want of 40 l. to be imprison'd half a year and stand in the Pillory an hour, per Stat, 5 El. ch. 9.)

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England. any other Town or Place within the same County without the consent of the Candidates, but shall duly and orderly proceed to take the Poll from day to day, and time to time, without any further or other Adjournment, without the consent of the Candidates.

Every Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, and other Officer to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept shall belong for the electing Members to serve in Parliament, shall forthwith deliver to each person or persons as shall desire the same, a Copy of the Poll taken at such Election, paying only a reasonable Charge for writing the same; And every Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, and other Officer to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for electing Members to serve in Parliament doth belong, for every wilful Offence contrary to this Act shall forfeit to every party so aggrieved the Sum of 500*l.* to be recovered by him or them, his or their Executors or Administrators, together with full Costs of Suit, and for which he or they may sue by Action of Debt, Bill,

the place of Election, nor the Poll discontinued.

Any Person may demand a Copy of any Poll, which Sheriffs, Mayors, &c. are required to deliver, paying reasonably for writing it.

*To each Party grieved, Mayors, Sheriffs, &c. for every wilful Offence contrary to this Act, forfeit 500*l.* to be recovered by such party, his Executors or Administrators, with full Costs, by Action of Debt, &c. wherein no Escoin, &c. to be allowed.*

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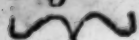
No person hereafter shall be capable of being elected a Member to serve in Parliament, who is not of the Age of 21 years, and every Election or Return of any person under that age is hereby declared to be null and void. And if any such Minor hereafter chosen shall presume to sit or vote in Parliament, he shall incur such Penalties and Forfeitures as if he had presumed to sit and vote in Parliament without being chosen or returned.

The Sheriff of the County of *Southampton*, or his Deputy, at the request of one or more of the Candidates, for Election of a Knight or Knights of that County, shall adjourn the Poll from *Winchester*, after every Freeholder then and there present hath polled, to *Newport* in the *Isle of Wight*, for the ease of the Inhabitants of the said Island, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

None shall be elected under the age of 21 Years.

The Choice of any elected under that age declar'd void; and such Minor sitting, &c. in Parliament shall incur like Penalties as if sitting, &c. unchosen or returned.

Candidates for the County of Southampton may demand of the Sheriff, after the end of the Poll at Winchester, an Adjournment to Newport in the Isle of Wight.



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Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 27.

No person which shall refuse to take the Oaths (of Allegiance and Supremacy, which see in the Appenaix) directed by an Act made in the first year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the late Q. Mary, or being Quakers, shall refuse to subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity directed by one other Act of Parliament made in the said first year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the late Queen, (which see also in the Appendix), (to be administered on the Poll by the Sheriff or Chief Officer at any Election,) at the request of any one of the Candidates, shall be admitted to give any Vote for the Election of any Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgefs, or Baron of the Cinque-Ports, to serve in Parliament.

Candidates may require the Sheriff or Chief-Officer on the Poll, at any Election, to administer the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to Electors, (and if Quakers, the Declaration of Fidelity) and on refusal, not to admit them to vote.

Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3. ch. 2.

Enacted, &c. That if any Member of the House of Commons, during the time of his being a Member of Parliament, by his Deputy, or any other in Trust for him

Members of the House of Commons while such by themselves, Deputies, or Trustees, taking or

or his benefit, take, enjoy, or execute any Office, Place, or Employment touching or concerning the Farming, Managing, or Collecting the Duty of Excise, or determining Appeals concerning the said Duty, or Comptrolling or Auditing the Accounts of the same, such person is hereby declared and enacted to be absolutely incapable of sitting, voting, or acting as a Member of the House of Commons in such Parliament.

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Statute 12 & 13 W. 3. ch. 2.

*The Act for the Limitation of the Crown
to the House of Hanover.*

Enacted, &c. *After the Limitation of the
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nover, (by this Act shall take effect)*
No Person Born out of the King-
doms of *England, Scotland or Ireland,*
or the Dominions thereunto belong-
ing, (altho' he be Naturaliz'd or made
a *Denizen*; except such as are Born
of *English* Parents) shall be capable to
be a Member of the House of Commons.

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Enacted, &c. That no Member of the House of Commons shall be capable of being a Commissioner or Farmer of the Customs, or of holding or enjoying in his own Name, or in the Name of any other Person in Trust for him or for his Use, or Benefit, or of executing by himself or his Deputy, any Office, Place, or Employment touching or concerning the Farming, Collecting, or Managing the Customs.

If any Member of the House of Commons shall, during the time of his being a Member of Parliament, by himself, or his Deputy, or any other in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, take, enjoy, or execute any Office, Place or Employment, touching or concerning the Farming, Managing, or Collecting the Customs, such Person is hereby declared and enacted to be absolutely incapable of Sitting, Voting, or Acting as a Member of the House in such Parliament.

Members of the House of Commons incapacitated from being Commissioners or Farmers of the Customs, or to hold in their own or others Names, or by others in trust, to execute by Deputies any Office in the Customs.

Members while such so taking or executing any such Office, declared incapable of Sitting, &c.

No Commissioner, Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer, or Person concern'd or employ'd in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Customs, or any Branch or part thereof, shall, by Word, Message or Writing, or in any other manner endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess or Baron of any County, City, Burrough or Cinque Port, and every Officer or other Person offending therein, shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds, one Moiety to the Informer, the other Moiety to the poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be Committed, to be recovered by any Person that shall Sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster. In which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed; and every Person Convict on any such Suit, shall be incapable ever to bear any Office or place of Trust under the Crown.

Statute 13 & 14 W. 3. ch. 6.

Enacted, &c. That none which shall be a Member of the House of Commons, shall Vote in the House of Commons, or sit there during any Debate in the said House of Commons, after their Speaker is Chosen, until such Member shall, from time to

Members of the House of Commons not to Vote or Sit there during any Debate, after their Speaker Chosen, until they have taken and Subscribed
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If any Member of the House of Commons shall presume to Vote, not having taken the said Oath, and subscribed the same as aforesaid, every such Member so offending shall from thence be deemed, and adjudged a Popish Recusant convict, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall forfeit and suffer as a Popish Recusant convict, and shall be disabled to hold or execute any Office or place of Profit

Members Voting, not having so taken, &c. the said Oath, adjudged Popish Recusants convict, and forfeit as such, and disabled to hold any Office or place of Profit or Trust in England or its Dominions, to sit or Vote in Par-
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or Trust, Civil or Military, in any of His Majesties Realms of England, or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in any of his Majesties Islands or Foreign Plantations to the said Realms belonging, & shall be disabled from thenceforth to sit or vote in Parliament, or to Sue or use any Action, Bill, Plaint or Information in course of Law, or to Prosecute any Suit in any Court of Equity, or to be Guardian of any Child, or Executor, or Administrator of any Person, or capable of any Legacy or Deed of Gift, and shall forfeit for every wilful Offence against this Act the Sum of 500 l. to be recovered and received by him or them that shall Sue for the same, and to be Prosecuted by any Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law shall lye.

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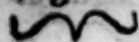
Statute 2 & 3 *Annæ*, ch. 4.

Enacted, &c. That no Register (for the Registering Memorials of Deeds, Conveyances and Wills) within the West-riding, in the County of York,

The Register for the West-riding of York-shire, or his Deputy, incapacitated to be

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or his Deputy for the time being, be capable of being Chosen a Member to serve in Parliament.

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Stat. 4 & 5 Annæ ch. 8.

Enacted, &c. That no Person, who shall have in his own Name, or in the Name of any Person or Persons in Trust for him or for his Benefit, any New Office or place of profit whatsoever, under the Crown, which at any time hereafter shall be created or erected, nor any Person who shall be a Commissioner or Sub-Commissioner of the Prizes, Secretary or Receiver of the Prizes, nor any Comptroler of the Accounts of the Army, nor any Commissioner of Transports, nor any Commissioner of the Sick and Wounded, nor any Agent to any Regiment, nor any Commissioner for Wine Licences, nor any Governour nor Deputy-Governour of any of the Plantations, nor any Commissioner of the Navy employed in any of the Out-ports, nor any Person having any Pension from the Crown during Pleasure, shall be ca-

*No Candidate, who shall have in his own Name or in Trust for him or his Benefit, any New Office or Place of Profit hereafter to be created, or be a Commissioner or Sub-Commissioner, Secretary or Receiver of Prizes, Commissioner of the Armies Accounts, Commissioner of the Sick and Wounded, Agent for any Regiment, Commissioner for Wine Licences, Governour or Deputy-Governour of any of the Plantations, Commissioner in any Out-port, or have a Pension from the Crown du-
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pable of being Elected, or of Sitting or Voting as a Member of the House of Commons in any Parliament which shall be hereafter summoned and holden.

If any Person being chosen a Member of the House of Commons shall accept of any Office or Profit from the Crown, during such time as he shall continue a Member, his Election shall be, and is hereby declared to be void, and a new Writ shall issue for a new Election, as if such Person so accepting was naturally Dead. Nevertheless such Person shall be capable of being again Elected, as if his place had not become void as aforesaid.

No greater number of Commissioners shall be made for the Execution of any Office than have been employed in the Execution of any such from the first day of the Session.

Nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Member of the House of Commons being an Officer in Her Majesty's Navy or Army, who shall receive any new or other Commission in the Navy, or Army respectively.

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ring Pleasure, England. *shall be capable of being elected or sitting, &c. as a Member.*

Members chosen accepting any Office of Profit from the Crown, while they continue Members, their Election void, and a new Writ to Issue, but capable of being again Elected.

Members being Officers in the Navy or Army, receiving any New Commission in either, not incapacitated.

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If any Person hereby disabled or declared to be incapable to sit or Vote in any Parliament hereafter to be holden, shall nevertheless be returned as a Member to serve for any County, City, Town, or Cinque-port in any such Parliament, such Election and Return are hereby enacted and declared to be void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and if any Person disabled or declared incapable by this Act to be Elected, shall presume to Sit or Vote as a Member of the House of Commons in any Parliament to be hereafter summoned, such Person so Sitting or Voting, shall forfeit the Sum of 500 l. to be recovered by such Person as shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, and only one Imparlance.

Members hereby incapacitated, if returned, their Election void, and presuming to Sit and Vote forfeit 500 l. to any that will Sue by Action of Debt, &c. wherein no Essoin, &c. and but one Imparlance to be allowed.

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Stat. 5 Annæ, ch. 8.

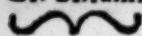
[*The Union Act.*]

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Forty Five shall be the Number of the *Representatives* of *Scotland* in the House of Commons of the Parliament of *Great Britain*.

Every *Member* of the House of Commons of the Parliament of *Great Britain* (until the Parliament of *Great Britain* shall otherwise direct) shall take the respective Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* by an Act of Parliament made in *England* in the First Year of the Reign of the late King *William* and Queen *Mary* (*The New Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, which see in the Appendix.*) And make, Subscribe, and Audibly repeat the Declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in *England* in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second (*The Test, which see also in the Appendix*) and shall take and subscribe the Oath mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in *England* in the First Year of Her Majesty's Reign (*The Abjuration, which see also in the Appendix.*) At such time and in such manner as the Members of both Houses of Parliament of *England* are by the said respective Acts directed to take, make, and subscribe the same upon the Penalties and Disabilities in the said respective Acts contained: And it is Declared and Agreed that these Words (*This Realm, The Crown of this Realm, and the Queen of this Realm*) mentioned in the Oaths and Declaration

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claration contained in the aforesaid Acts, which were intended to signifie the Crown and Realm of *England*, shall be understood of the Crown and Realm of *Great Britain*, and that in that Sense the said Oaths and Declaration be taken and subscribed by the *Members* of the Parliament of *Great Britain*.

Enacted accordingly.

None shall be capable to be Elected (*a Representative for any Shire or Borough of Scotland*) but such as are Twenty One Years of Age complete, and Protestant, excluding all Papists, or such who being suspect of Popery, refuse to Swear and Subscribe the *Formula* contained in the Third Act made in the 8th and 9th Sessions of King *William's* Parliament (*in Scotland, which see in the Appendix*) Nor shall be capable to be elected to Represent a Shire or Burgh in the *Parliament of Great Britain* (*for Scotland*) except such as (*were at the time of passing this Act*) capable by the Laws of (*Scotland*) to be elected as Commissioners for Shires or Boroughs to the Parliament of *Scotland*.

None capable to be Elected for any Shire or Borough of Scotland under 21 Years, nor unless a Protestant, Papists and such as refuse the Formula excluded.

Like Incapacity on Candidates, not at this time capable by the Laws of Scotland.

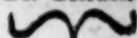
Enacted accordingly.

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Stat. 6 Annæ ch. 7.

A like Clause for incapacitating Persons to be Elected &c. Members of Parliament, and likewise for incapacitating Members of Parliament, with like Restrictions, Exceptions, and Penalties (throughout the United Kingdom) as are contained in the Statute 4 & 5 Annæ, ch. 8. relating to Candidates and Members for the Parliament of England.

And further Enacted, &c. That every Person disabled to be Elected, or to sit or Vote in the House of Commons of any Parliament of England shall be disabled to be Elected, or to sit, or Vote in the House of Commons of any Parliament of Great Britain.

Candidates disabled to be Elected, or Members to sit, &c. in the Parliament of England, under like disabilities, as to any Parliament of Great Britain.

Except the present Commissioners for disposing the Equivalent by the present or any other Commission.

Stat. 6 Annæ, ch. 23.

Enacted, &c. That every Person who shall refuse to take the Oath of Abjuration, (which see in the Appendix) or being a Quaker, shall refuse to declare the Effect thereof upon his Solemn Affirmation, as directed by an

Candidates or others may require the Sheriff, President of the meeting, &c. on the Poll at any Election of Members of Parlia-

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An Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William, (the Form whereof see in the Appendix) to be Administred by the Sheriff, President of the Meeting, or chief Officer, taking the Poll at any Election of Members, to serve in the House of Commons for any place in Great Britain, or Commissioners for choosing Burgesses for any place in Scotland, at the request of any Candidate or other Person present, shall not be capable of giving any Vote for any Election of any such Member to serve in the House of Commons for any place in Great Britain, or Commissioner to choose a Burgess for any place in Scotland.

ment in Great Britain, or of Commissioners for choosing Burgesses in Scotland to administer the Abjuration upon Oath (or upon Affirmation to Quakers) and Electors refusing it, incapable to Vote.

Stat. 6 Annæ, ch. 35.

Enacted, That no Register (for the Registering Memorials of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, &c. within the East-riding of the County of York, or the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull, or his Deputy for the time being, be capable of being Chosen a Member to serve in Parliament,

The Register for the East-riding of York-shire, or Town, &c. of Hull, his Deputy incapacitated to be Chosen a Member of Parliament.

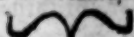
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Enacted, That no Person shall be capable to Sit or Vote as a Member of the House of Commons, for any County, City, &c. within that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*, &c. who shall not have an Estate Freehold or Copyhold for his own Life, or for some greater Estate, either in Law or Equity to his own Use, in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, above what will satisfy and clear all Incumbrances within that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*, &c. of the annual Value of Six hundred Pounds above Reprizes, for every Knight of a Shire; and of Three hundred Pounds above Reprizes for every Citizen, Burgefs, &c. And if any persons Elected or Returned to serve in any Parliament, as a Knight of a Shire, or as a Citizen, Burgefs, &c. shall not, at the Time of such Election and Return, be seized of, or entitled to such an Estate before required, such Election and Return shall be void.

Persons incapacitated to Sit or Vote in the House of Commons, who have not an Estate, Freehold or Copyhold for Life or Greater, lying in England of 600 l. for a Knight of the Shire, annually; and 300 l. for a Citizen Burgefs, &c. and if any Elected, &c. not seized of such an Estate, the Election, &c. void.

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Nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to make the Eldest Son or Heir Apparent, of any Peer or Lord of Parliament, or of any person qualified by this Act to serve as Knight of a Shire, incapable of being Elected and Returned, and Sitting and Voting as a Member of the House of Commons, in any Parliament.

Nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to either of the Universities in that part of *Great Britain* called *England*, but that they may elect and return Members to represent them in Parliament, as heretofore they have done.

No Person shall be qualified to sit in the House of Commons, within the meaning of this Act, by Vertue of any Mortgage, whereof the Equity of Redemption is in any other Person, unless the Mortgagee shall have been in Possession of the Mortgaged Premises for seven Years before the Time of his Election.

Every Person (except as aforesaid) who shall appear as a Candidate, or shall by himself, or any others, be proposed to be Elected, shall, upon Request (at the Time of such

Eldest Son or Heir Apparent of a Peer, or Person qualified to serve as a Knight of a Shire, excepted.

Elections, for each of the Universities in England also excepted.

No Person qualified by Vertue of a Mortgage, unless in Possession of the mortgaged Premises for Seven Years before his Election.

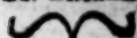
Candidates to be sworn to their Estates if required, by any other Candidate or Two Electors.

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Election, or before the Day, to be prefixed in the Writ of Summons for the Meeting of the Parliament) by any Person who shall stand Candidate at such Election, or by any two or more persons, having Right to vote at such Election, take a Corporal Oath in the Form (*in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix.*)

The Respective Oaths aforesaid, shall be administered by the Sheriff or under-Sheriff, for any County, or by the Mayor, Bailiff, or other Officer or Officers for any City, Burrough, &c. to whom it shall appertain to take the Poll, or make the Return at such Election, or by any Two or more Justices of the Peace within *England*, &c. And if any of the said Candidates, &c. shall wilfully refuse to take the Oath, the Election and Return of such Person shall be void.

Before the Sheriff or other Officer by whom the Poll is to be taken or Return made, or Two or more Justices of the Peace.

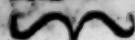
The Elections and Return of Candidates refusing to take the Oath void.

2. Stat. 12. Anna.

Enacted, That from and after the Determination of this present Parliament, no Conveyance or Right whereupon Infeoffment is not taken, and Seisin registered

No Conveyance or Right after the End of this Parliament whereon Infeoffment is not taken, and One

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One Year before the Teste of the Writs for calling a New Parliament, shall upon Objection made in this Behalf, entitle the person or persons so enfeft, to be elected at that Election in any Shire or Stewartry in that part of Great-Britain called Scotland; and in Case any Election happen during the Continuance of a Parliament, no Conveyance or Right whatsoever, whereupon Infeoffment is not taken One Year before the Date of the Warrant for making out a New Writ for such Election, shall upon Objection made in that Behalf, intitle the person or persons so infeft, to be elected at that Election; and that it shall be lawful for any of the Electors present, suspecting any person or persons to have his or their Estates in Trust, and for the Behoof of another, to require the Preses of the Meeting to tender the Oath (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix, intituled the Form of the Freeholders, &c. Oath, to be taken (upon Objection made) by Sta. 12. Annæ, and is the same mutatis mutandis) to any Elector, and the said Preses

Seisin registered a Year before the Teste of the Writs, shall entitle the Person to be elected in any Shire or Stewartry in Scotland.

The like as to Infeoffments not taken a Year before the date of the Warrant for a New Writ during the Continuance of a Parliament.

Any Elector present, suspecting Persons to have Estates in Trust, may require the Preses of the Meeting to swear such to their Estates.

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is hereby required to administer the same.

In Case such Elector refuse to swear, and also to subscribe the said Oath, such person or persons shall not be capable of being elected at such Election.

On Refusal to swear and subscribe the Oath incapable to be elected,

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Stat. 1 Georgii, cap. 38.

Enacted, That this present Parliament, and all Parliaments that shall at any Time hereafter be called, assembled or held, shall and may respectively have Continuance for seven Years, and no longer, to be accounted from the Day on which by the Writ of Summons this present Parliament hath been, or any future Parliament shall be, appointed to meet, unless this Present, or any such Parliament hereafter to be summoned, shall be sooner dissolved by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Stat. 1 Georgii, cap. 56.

Enacted, That no Person having any Pension from the Crown for any Term or Number of Years, either in his own Name, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons in Trust for him, or for his Benefit, shall be capable of being elected, or chosen a Member of, or for sitting or vo-

No Person having any Pension from the Crown, shall be capable of being elected, or of sitting or voting in the House of Commons.

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If any Person who shall have such Pension as aforesaid, at the Time of his being so elected, or at any Time after, during such Time as he shall continue or be a Member of the House of Commons shall presume to sit or vote in that House, then, and in such Case, he shall forfeit twenty Pounds for every Day in which he shall sit or vote in the said House of Commons, to such Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of his Majesty's Courts in *Westminster-Hall*: And the Monies so forfeited shall be recovered by the Person so suing, with full Costs of Suit, in any of the said Courts, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in which no Effoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, and only one Impar lance.

Any Person having such Pension, at the Time of his being elected, or after, and presuming to sit or vote in that House, shall forfeit 20 l. for each Day he so sits or votes, to the Person who shall sue for the same in any of the Courts at Westminster, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, &c. in which no Effoin, &c. shall be allowed, and but one Impar lance.

Stat. 7 Georgii, cap. 28.

Enacted, That Sir John *The late Sub-*
Fellowes Baronet, late Sub- Governor, De-
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Governor, *Charles Joy*, Esquire, late Deputy-Governor, *William Astell*, Esq; Sir *Lambert Blackwell* Bart. Sir *John Blunt* Bart. Sir *Robert Chaplin* Bart. Sir *William Chapman* Knight and Bart. *Robert Chester*, Esq; *Stephen Child*, Esq; *Peter Delaporte* Esq; *Francis Eyles*, Esq; *James Edmundson* Esq; *Edward Gibbon* Esq; *John Gore* Esq; Sir *William Hamond* Knt. *Francis Hawes* Esq; *Richard Horsey* Esq; *Richard Houlditch* Esq; Sir *Theodore Janssen* Knt. and Bart. Sir *John Jacobson* Knt. *Arthur Ingram* Esq; Sir *John Lambert* Bart. Sir *Harcourt Master* Knt. *William Morley* Esq; *Ambrose Page* Esq; Colonel *Hugh Raymond*, *Samuel Read* Junior, Esq; *Thomas Reynolds* Esq; *Jacob Sawbridge* Esq; *William Tillard* Esq; and *John Turner* Esq; late Directors of the Corporation of the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great-Britain* trading to the *South-Seas* and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery; and also *Robert Knight* late Treasurer or Cashier, *Robert Surman* late

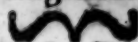
puty-Governor, Directors, Cashier, Deputy-Cashier and Accountant of the *South-Sea Company*, as also *John Aislaby* Esq; disabled to hold any Place of Profit or Trust, or to sit or vote in either House of Parliament.

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W Deputy Cashier, and *John Grigsby* late Accountant to the said Corporation, as also *John Aislaby* Esq; and every of them, shall be, and are hereby disabled and made incapable at all times, from and after the twenty-fourth Day of *June*, one Thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, to hold or execute any Office or Place of Profit or Trust, Civil or Military, under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or to sit or vote in either House of Parliament.

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*Officers Returning, &c.**Stat. 5 R. 2. ch. 4.*

The King doth Will and Command, and it is assented in the Parliament by the Prelates, Lords and Commons, that if any Sheriff of the Realm be from henceforth negligent in making his Returns of Writs of Parliament, or that he leave out of the said Returns any Cities or Boroughs which be bound, and of old Time were wont to come to the Parliament, he shall be Amerced, or otherwise punished in the manner as was accustomed to be done in the said Case in times past.

Sheriffs *neglecting to make Returns, or leaving out the Returns of Cities or Boroughs, shall be Amerced, or otherwise punished, as in old Times accustomed.*

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Stat. 7. H. 4. ch. 15.

Ordained, &c. That from henceforth (*in order to the Elections of Knights of Counties for the Parliament*) at the next County to be holden after the Delivery of the Writ of the Parliament, Proclamation shall be made in the full County of the Day and Place of the Parliament, and that all they that be there present, as well Suitors duly summoned for the same Cause as other shall attend to the Election of the Knights for the Parliament, and then in the full County they shall proceed to the Election freely and indifferently, notwithstanding any request or Commandment to the contrary.

And after that they be chosen, the Names of the Persons so chosen (be they present or absent) shall be written in an Indenture under the Seals of all them that did choose them, and tacked to the same Writ of the Parliament, which Indenture so Sealed and Tacked, shall be holden for the Sheriff's Return of

Proclamation to be made at the next County-Court after the delivery of the Writ to the Sheriff for the Election of Knights of the Shires.

Sheriff's Return after the Election shall be by Indenture (containing the names of the Persons Chosen) Sealed by the Electors, and annexed to the Writ.

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the said Writ touching the Knights of the Shires.

In Writs of Parliament hereafter to be made, this Clause shall be put; Et Electionem tuam in pleno Comitatu factam sub sigillo tuo & sigillis eorum qui electioni illi interfuerant nobis in Cancellaria nra' ad diem & locum in brevi contentu' certifies indilate.

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Stat. 11 H. 4. ch. 1.

Forasmuch as in the Statute (7 H. 4. ch. 15.) no Penalty was ordained or limited in Special upon the Sheriffs of the County, if they make any returns contrary of the same Statute, It is Ordained that the Justices assigned to take Assizes, shall have power to Inquire at their Sessions of Assizes of such returns made; and if it be found by Inquest and due Examination before the same Justices that any such Sheriff hath made, or hereafter make any return contrary to the Tenor of the said Statute, that then

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Of Returns made by Sheriffs, contrary to the Statute 7 H. 4. ch. 15.

Justices of Assize impower'd to inquire, and on Inquest and Proof made thereof, such Sheriffs to pay 100 l. to the King.

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 the Penalty of 100 l. to be
 paid to our Lord the King.

Stat. 6 Hen. 6. ch. 4.

Ordained, &c. That all Sheriffs shall have their Answer and Traverse to Inquests and Offices, before any Justices or Assizes hereafter, to be taken, (*upon the Stat. 7 Hen. 4. ch. 15. and 11 Hen. 4. ch. 1.*) and the said Sheriffs shall not be endamaged unto our Lord the King, or his Successors, for any such Inquest taken, or to be taken, until they be duly Convict according to the form of Law.

Sheriffs shall have their Traverses to Inquests, &c. *Upon the Statute 7 Hen. 4. ch. 15. & 11 Hen. 4. ch. 1.*

Stat. 8 Hen. 6. ch. 7.

Provided, &c. That such to be Chosen Knights of the Shire as have the greatest number of them that may expend 40 s. by Year and above, shall be returned by the Sheriffs of every County, Knights for Parliament, by Indentures Sealed betwixt

Sheriffs to return such as have the Majority of those that can expend 40 s. a Year, Knights of the Shire by Indentures be-
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the said Sheriffs and the said Choosers so to be made. *twixt themselves and the Electors.* England.

And every Sheriff of the Realm of *England* shall have power to examine upon the Evangelists every such Chooser, how much he may expend by the Year.

The Sheriffs impower'd to examine each Elector upon Oath how much he can expend a Year.

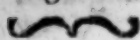
And if any Sheriff return Knights to come to the Parliament, contrary to the said Ordinance, the Justices of Assizes in their Sessions of Assizes, shall have power thereof to inquire.

Of Sheriffs returns contrary to this Act, Justices of Assizes are impower'd to inquire.

And if by Inquest the same be found before the Justices, and the Sheriff thereof be duly attainted, that then the said Sheriff shall incur the penalty of 100*l.* to be paid to our Lord the King, and also that he have Imprisonment by a Year without being let to Mainprize or Bail.

*If found by Inquests, and the Sheriff thereof attainted, he shall pay 100*l.* to the King, and be Imprisoned a Year without Bail.*

And that in every Writ hereafter to go forth, mention shall be made of this Ordinance.



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Stat. 23 Hen. 6. ch. 15.

Ordained, &c. That every Sheriff, after the delivery of any Writ (*of Election*) to him made, shall make and deliver without fraud, a sufficient Precept under his Seal to every Mayor and Bailiff, or to Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, of the Cities and Boroughs within his County, reciting the said Writ, Commanding them by his Precept, if it be a City, to Choose by Citizens of the same City, Citizens, and in the same manner and form, if it be a Burrough, by the Burgesses of the same, to come to the Parliament.

And that the same Mayor and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, shall return lawfully the Precept to the same Sheriff, by Indentures betwixt the same Sheriff and them, to be made of the said Elections, and of the names of the said Citizens and Burgesses by them so Chosen, and thereupon every Sheriff shall

Sheriff after the receipt of a Writ of Election, to deliver a Precept under his Seal, to every Mayor, Bailiff, &c. of the Cities and Burroughs within his County, reciting his Writ, and commanding them by Citizens and Burgesses, to choose Citizens and Burgesses.

Mayors, Bailiffs, &c. To return the Precept to the Sheriff by Indentures of the Election, and the names of the Elected made betwixt them.

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make a good and rightful return of every such Writ; and of every return by the Mayors and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff, where no Mayor is, to him made.

And that every Sheriff, at every time that he doth contrary to this Statute, or any other Statutes for the Election of Knights, Citizens and Burgeses to come to the Parliament, before this time made, shall incur the pain contained in the Statute, made in the Eighth Year (of the now King's Reign) and moreover shall forfeit and pay to every person hereafter Chosen Knight, Citizen or Burgeses in his County to come to any Parliament, and not duly returned, or to any other Person which in default of such Knight, Citizen or Burgeses will Sue, an Hundred Pound, whereof every Knight, Citizen and Burgeses so grieved, severally, or any other Person which in their default will Sue, shall have his Action of Debt against the said Sheriff or his Executors, or Administrators, to demand and have the said 100*l.* with his Costs spent in that Case, and that in such Action taken by virtue of this

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&c. to be allow-
ed.*

England. Statute, the Defendant shall not Wage his Law of the demand aforesaid in any wise-- And that no Defendant in such Action shall have any Essoign.

And in the same manner at every time that any Mayor and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff, where no Mayor is, shall return other than those which be Chosen by the Citizens and Burgeses of the Cities or Burroughs where such Elections be, or shall be made, shall incur and forfeit to the King 40*l.* and moreover shall forfeit and pay to every person hereafter chosen Citizen or Burges to come to the Parliament, and not by the same Mayor and Bailiff, or Bailiff or Bailiffs where no Mayor is, returned, or to any other person, which in default of such Citizen or Burges so Chosen will Sue, 40*l.* whereof every of the Citizens and Burgeses so grieved severally, or any other Person which in their default will sue, shall have his Action of Debt against every of the said Mayor and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, against their Executors or Administrators, to demand and have

Mayors, Bailiffs, &c. returning other than those chosen by Citizens and Burgeses, shall forfeit 40*l.* to the King, and to every Person chosen a Citizen or Burges, and not by them returned, or to any other that in default of such Citizen or Burges will Sue, 40*l.* (more) to be recovered by like Action of Debt, with Costs.

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of every of the said Mayors and Bailiffs, or Bailiffs or Bailiff where no Mayor is, 40*l.* with his Costs in this Case expended.

And that in such Action of Debt taken, by force of this Statute, no Defendant in any wise shall Wage his Law of the said Demand, nor have any Essoign.

And that every Sheriff that maketh no due Election of Knights to come to the Parliament in convenient time, (*that is to say*) every Sheriff in his full County, betwixt the Hour of Eight, and the Hour of Eleven before Noon, without Collusion in this behalf.

And that every Sheriff that maketh not good and true return of such Elections of Knights to come to the Parliament, in time to come, as to them pertaineth, in manner and form aforesaid, shall forfeit to the King an Hundred Pound, and also shall incur the pain of 100*l.* to be paid to him that will sue against him, his Executors or Administrators, for this Cause, by way of Action of Debt, with his Costs in this behalf expended, without Waging of

*Sheriff not making Election of Knights of the Shire in a full County Court between eight and eleven in the Morning, and a good return according, to forfeit 100*l.* to the King, and 100*l.* more to him that will Sue, to be recovered by like Action of Debt, with Costs.*

England. Law of his Demand, or having Essoign as afore is said.

Provided always, That every Knight, Citizen and Burgeſſ to come to any Parliament hereafter, to be holden in due form, Chosen, and not returned as afore is said, shall begin his Action of Debt aforesaid, within three Months after the same Parliament commenced, to proceed in the same suit effectually without Fraud. And if he doth not so, another that will sue shall have the said Action of Debt, (as it is before said) and shall recover the same with his Costs spent in this behalf, in manner and form aforesaid, so that no Defendant in such Action shall Wage his Law, nor be Essoign'd in any wise, as afore is said. And that such Process shall be in the Actions aforesaid, as in a Writ of Trespass done against the Peace at the Common-Law.

So that the Knights of the Shires for the Parliament hereafter to be Chosen, shall be notable Knights of the same Counties for which they shall be Chosen, or otherwise such notable Es-

Such Actions to be brought by such Kt. Citizen and Burgeſſ within 3 Months after the commencement of such Parliament, and to be proceeded in without fraud.

And after that time by any other.

Like Process to be in such Actions as in Trespass at Common Law.

Provided, That Knights of the Shires be Knights of the Counties they shall be Elected for, or Esqrs; or quires

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quires or Gentlemen, (*after Born*) of the same Counties, as shall be able to be Knights; and no Man to be such Knight which standeth in the degree of a Yeoman and under.

Gentlemen able England. to be Knights, and not Teomen or under.

Stat. 27 H. 8. ch. 26.

Enacted, &c. That *Elections shall be made for the Sheriffs and Boroughs in Monmouthshire (heretofore part of Wales) and in Wales, in like Manner, Form and Order as Knights and Burgeses of the Parliament be elected and chosen in other Shires of his Realm.*

Duties of Sheriffs and other returning Officers in Wales, like the same in England.

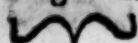
Stat. 34 & 35 H. 8. ch. 13.

Enacted, &c. That the County Palatine of *Chester* shall have two Knights for the said County Palatine, and likewise 2 Citizens to be Burgeses for the City of *Chester*, to be elected and chosen by Process to be awarded by the Chancellor of

Writ of Election under the Great Seal for Elections in Chester, to be directed to the Chamberlain, &c. of Chester, and his Precept England

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England unto the Chamberlain of *Chester*, his Lieutenant or Deputy for the time being, and so like Process to be made by the Chamberlain, his Lieutenant or Deputy, to the Sheriff of the said County of *Chester*, and the same Election to be made in like Manner and Form to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as is used within the County Palatine of *Lancaster* or any other County and City within this Realm of *England*, which said Knights and Burgeses and every of them so elected and chosen, shall be Returned by the said Sheriff into the Chancery of *England* in due Form, and upon like Pains as it is Ordained that the Sheriff or Sheriffs of any other County should make their Return in case like.

thereon to the Sheriff of the County.

Sheriff of *Chester* to make like Returns, and on like Pains as other Sheriffs.

Stat. 35 H. 8. ch. 11.

Enacted, &c. That the Burgeses of all and every Cities, Boroughs and Towns (in the Twelve Shires within Wales and County of

Mayors, Bayliffs, &c. of the twelve Shire Towns in Wales and of Monmouth

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Monmouth not finding Bur-
gesses for the Parliament
themselves and contributory
to Wages of Burgesses of
such Shire Towns) shall be
lawfully admonished by
Proclamation or otherwise,
by the Mayors, Bayliffs,
and other Head Officers of
the said Towns, or by one
of them, to come and give
their Elections for the ele-
cting the said Burgesses at
such time and place lawful
and reasonable, as shall be
assigned for the same Intent
by the said Mayors, Bayliffs,
and other Head Officers of
the said Shire Towns, or by
one of them,

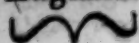
mouth Shire, England.
shall Summons
the Burgesses as
well of all other
Cities, Boroughs
and Towns in
those Counties,
as of Burgesses
of those Towns
themselves, to
come to Electi-
ons.

Stat. 25 Car. 2. ch. 9.

Enacted, &c. That the
County Palatine of *Durham*
may have two Knights for
the same County, and the
City of *Durham* two Citi-
zens to be Burgesses for the
same City for ever hereafter
to serve in the High Court
of Parliament, to be elected
and chosen by Writ to be
awarded by the Lord Chan-

Writ of E-
lection under the
Great Seal for
Elections in
Durham, to be
directed to the
Bishop of *Dur-*
ham, &c. and his
Precept thereon
to the Sheriff of
that County.
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cellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England* for the time being in that behalf to the Lord Bishop of *Durham*, or his Temporal Chancellor of the said County of *Durham*, and a Precept to be thereupon grounded and made by the Lord Bishop of *Durham* or his Temporal Chancellor for the time being, to the Sheriff of the said County for the time being, and the same Election from time to time to be made in manner and form following (*that is to say*) the Elections of the Knights to serve for the said County Palatine from time to time to be made by the greater number of the Freeholders of the said County Palatine of *Durham*, which from time to time shall be present at such Elections, accordingly as is used in other Counties of this Kingdom, and that the Election of the said Burgeses from time to time to serve in the High Court of Parliament for the City of *Durham* to be made from time to time by the major part of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Freemen of the said City of *Durham*, which from time

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to time shall be present at such Elections, which said Knights and Burgeſſes, and every of them ſo Eleſted or Chosen, ſhall be returned by the ſaid Sheriff into the Chancery of *England* in due form, and upon the like pains as be Ordained for the Sheriff or Sheriffs of any other County of this Kingdom to make his or their Returns in like Caſes.

Sheriff of Durham to make like Returns, and under like Pains, as other Sheriffs.

Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 7. Continued by Stat. 12 & 13 W. 3. ch. 5.

Enacted, &c. That all falſe Retorns wilfully made of any Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgeſſ, Baron of the Cinqueports, or other Members to ſerve in Parliament are againſt Law, and are hereby prohibited, and in caſe that any Perſon or Perſons ſhall Return any Member to ſerve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, Cinqueport, or place, contrary to the laſt Determination in the Houſe of Commons of the Right of Election in ſuch County, City, Borough, Cinqueport or Place, that ſuch

False Retorns, illegal and prohibited, and all made contrary to the laſt Determination of the Right of Election in the Houſe of Commons adjudged a falſe Retorn.

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England. Return so made, shall, and is hereby adjudged to be a false Return.

The Party so grieved (*to wit*) every Person that shall be duly Elected to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, Cinqueport or Place, by such false Return, may Sue the Officers and Persons making or procuring the same, and every, or any of them, at his Election, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, and shall recover double the Damages he shall sustain by reason thereof, together with his full Costs of such Suit.

Any Officer *that* shall wilfully, falsely, and maliciously Return more Persons than are required to be chosen by the Writ or Precept on which any choice is made, the like Remedy may be had against him or them, and the Party or Parties that willingly procure the same, and every or any of them, by the Party grieved, at his Election.

All Contracts, Promises, Bonds and Securities whatso-

Officers, &c. *making such false Return, liable to an Action at the Suit of any duly Elected in any of the Courts at Westminster, with double Damages and full Costs.*

Officers, &c. *falsely, &c. making double Returns liable to the like Action.*

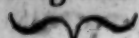
Contracts, Bonds, &c. *given ever*

ever hereafter made or given, to procure any Return of any Member to serve in Parliament, or any thing relating thereunto, be adjudged void, and that whoever makes or gives such Contract, Security, Promise, or Bond, or any Gift or Reward to procure such false or double Return, shall forfeit the Sum of 300 l. one third part thereof to be to His Majesty, another third part thereof to the Poor of the County, City, Borough, or Place concerned, and one third part thereof to the Informer, with his Costs to be recovered in any of his Majesty's Courts of Records at Westminster by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, nor more than one Impar lance.

to procure the England. Return of any Member adjudged void, and such as make or give them to procure any false or double Return, forfeit 300 l. one third to the King, another to the Poor of the County, City, &c. and a third to the Informer, with his Costs, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. Wherein no Effoin &c. and but one Impar lance to be allowed.

The Clerk of the Crown to keep a Book of Entry of every single and double Return, and of every Alteration and Amendment in every such Return, where to all Persons to have access, and take Copies of so much as desired at a reasonable

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able Fee. And if the Clerk of the Crown makes not such Entry in Six Days after any Return, or alters any Return without Order of the House of Commons, or gives a Certificate of any Person not returned, or wilfully neglects or omits his Duty herein, to forfeit 500 l. for each Offence to the Party grieved, to be recovered as aforesaid, and lose his Office, and be for ever incapable of holding it.

Every Information or Action brought upon this Statute, shall be brought within the space of Two Years after the cause of Action shall arise, and not after.

Informations or Actions on this Statute to be brought within two Years after the Cause of Action.

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Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 25.

Enacted, &c. That when any New Parliament shall at any Time hereafter be summoned or called, there shall be Forty Days between Teste and Returns of the Writs of Summons, and that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, shall issue out Writs for Election of Members to serve in the same Parliament with as much Expedition as the same may be done. And that as well upon the calling or summoning any New Parliament, as also in case of any Vacancy in Parliament, the several Writs shall be delivered to the proper Officer to whom the Execution thereof doth belong or appertain, and to no other Person whatsoever. And that every such Officer, upon the Receipt of the same Writ, shall upon the Back thereof endorse the Day he received the same, and shall forthwith, upon the Receipt of the Writ, make out the Precept or Precepts to each Borough, Town Corporate,

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Writs of Summons to Parliament to have Forty Days between the Teste and Returns, and be issued with all Expedition, and delivered to the proper Officer to whom its Execution belongs, who shall endorse thereon the Day he received it, and within three Days issue and deliver his Precept to the like proper Officer of each Borough, &c. that elects, who shall also endorse the Day of his Receipt of the Precept in the former's Presence, and proceed to Election in eight Days, and give four Days Notice of the Day appointed.

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* Port or Place within his Jurisdiction, where any Member or Members are to be elected to serve in such New Parliament, or to supply any Vacancy in Parliament, and within three Days after the Receipt of the said Writ of Election, shall by himself or proper Agent deliver or cause to be delivered such Precept or Precepts to the proper Officer of every such Borough, Town Corporate, Port or Place within his Jurisdiction, to whom the Execution of such Precept doth belong or appertain, and to no other Person whatsoever. And every such Officer upon the Back of the same Precept, shall endorse the Day of his Receipt thereof in the Presence of the Party from whom he received such Precept, and shall forthwith cause Notice to be given of the Time and Place of Election, and shall proceed to Election thereupon within the Space of Eight Days next after his Receipt of the same Precept, and give Four Days Notice at least of the Day appointed for the Election.

* (Proper Officer of the Cinque-Ports allowed six Days from the Receipt of the Writ for the Delivery by a subsequent Statute, 10 & 11 W. 3. ch. 7.)

Neither

Neither the Sheriff nor his Under-Sheriff in any County or City, nor the Mayor, Bailiff, Constable, Portreeve, or other Officer or Officers of any Borough, Town Corporate, Port or Place, to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for electing Members to serve in Parliament, doth belong or appertain, shall give, pay, receive, or take any Fee, Reward or Gratuity whatsoever for the making out, Receipt, Delivery, Return, or Execution of any such Writ or Precept.

Upon every Election to be made of any Knight or Kts. of the Shire to serve in Parliament, the Sheriff of the County where such Election shall be made, shall hold his County-Court for the same Election at the most publick and usual Place of Election within the said County, and where the same has most usually been for 40 Years last past, and shall there proceed to Election at the next County-Court, unless the same fall out to be held within six Days after the Receipt of the Writ, or upon the same Day, and then shall adjourn the same Court to some conveni-

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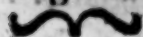
No Sheriff, *England.*
&c. in any County or City, nor Mayor, &c. of any Borough, Town Corporate, Port or Place, to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept belongs, to pay or receive any Fee, &c. in the making out, Receipt, Delivery, Return or Execution of the same.

Sheriff, for Election of Knights of the Shire, to hold his County-Court where the same has been most usually kept for forty Years last, and proceed to the Election the next Court, unless it happen within six Days after the Receipt of the Writ, or the same Day, and then to adjourn, giving ten Days Notice of the Time and Place. ent

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 Notice of the Time and Place
 of Election; and in Case the
 said Election be not determi-
 ned upon the View, with the
 Consent of the Freeholders
 there present, but that a Poll
 shall be required for the De-
 termination thereof; then the
 said Sheriff, or in his Absence,
 the Under-Sheriff, with such
 others as shall be deputed by
 him, shall forthwith there
 proceed to take the said Poll
 in some open or publick Place,
 or Places, by the same Sheriff
 or the Under-Sheriff in his
 Absence, or others appointed
 for the taking thereof as afore-
 said: And for the more due
 and orderly Proceeding in the
 said Poll, the said Sheriff, or
 in his Absence, his Under-
 Sheriff, or such as he shall de-
 pute, shall appoint such Num-
 ber of Clerks as to him shall
 seem meet and convenient for
 the taking thereof; which
 Clerks shall all take the said
 Poll, in the Presence of the
 said Sheriff, or his Under-
 Sheriff, or such as he shall
 depute; and before they be-
 gin the said Poll, every Clerk
 so appointed shall by the said
 Sheriff, or his Under-Sheriff,
 aforesaid, be sworn truly and

*If a Poll re-
 quired, the Sher-
 riff, &c. forb-
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 ly, and appoint
 Clerks to take the
 Poll in his, &c.
 Presence, who
 shall be sworn by
 him, &c. to take
 it indifferently,
 and to set down
 each Freeholder's
 Name, the Place
 of his Freehold,
 and for whom he
 Polls, and so Poll
 no Freeholder not
 sworn, if requir'd
 by any Candidate.*

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indifferently to take the same Poll, and to set down the Names of each Freeholder, and the Place of his Freehold, and for whom he shall Poll, and to Poll no Freeholder who is not sworn, if so required by the Candidates, or any of them (which Oath of the said Clerks, the said Sheriff, or his Under-Sheriff, or such as he shall depute, are hereby impowered to administer) and the Sheriff or his Under-Sheriff shall appoint for each Candidate, such one Person as shall be nominated to him by each Candidate to be Inspectors of every Clerk, who shall be appointed for taking the Poll; and every Freeholder before he is admitted to Poll at the same Election, shall, if required by the Candidates, or any of them, first take the Oath (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix.) Which Oath the Sheriff by himself, or his Under-Sheriff, or such sworn Clerks by him appointed for taking the said Poll as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to Administer.

The said Sheriff, or in his Absence, his Under-Sheriff, or such as he shall depute as aforesaid.

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Sheriffs, &c.
to appoint for
each Candidate,
one Person nomi-
nated by such
Candidate, to be
Inspectors of every
Clerk of the
Poll.

And to swear
each Freeholder
before his Poll be
taken, if by any
Candidate requi-
red, to his Free-
hold.

Sheriff, &c.
at the Place of
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England. said, shall at the Place of Election proceed to the polling all the Freeholders then and there present, and shall not adjourn the County-Court then and there held, to any other Town and Place within the same County, without the Consent of the Candidates, nor shall by any unnecessary Adjournment in the same Place of Election, protract or delay the Election; but shall duly and orderly proceed to take the said Poll, from Day to Day, and Time to Time, without any further or other Adjournment, without the Consent of the Candidates, until all the Freeholders then and there present shall be polled.

Every Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, and other Officer, to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept shall belong, for the electing Members to serve in Parliament, shall forthwith deliver to such Person or Persons as shall desire the same, a Copy of the Poll taken at such Election, paying only a reasonable Charge for Writing the same; and every Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor,

ceed to the Poll, and not adjourn the County-Court to any other Place without the Candidates Consent, nor without such Consent, delay, or discontinue the Poll.

Sheriffs, Mayors, &c. To deliver to any Person desiring it, a Copy of the Poll, paying reasonably for writing it.

Bailiff,

Bailiff, and other Officer to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for electing of Members to serve in Parliament doth belong, for every wilful Offence contrary to this Act, shall forfeit to every Party so aggrieved, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered by him or them, his or their Executors, or Administrators, together with full Costs of Suit, and for which he or they may sue by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts at Westminster, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, Privilege or Imparllance shall be admitted or allowed.

Every Return of any Person under the Age of twenty-one Years, is hereby declared to be null and void.

All County-Courts to be held for the County of York, or any other County-Courts, which heretofore used to be held on a Monday, shall be called and begun on a Wednesday, and not otherwise, any Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Sheriff of the County of Southampton, or his Deputy, at the Request of one or

Sheriffs, May- England. ors, &c. for every wilful Offence contrary to this Act, forfeits to each Party grieved 500 l. to be recovered by him, his Executors, &c. with full Costs by Action of Debt, &c. wherein no Essoin, &c. to be allowed.

The Return of any Person chosen under 21 Years, declared void.

County Courts for Yorkshire, and others used to be held on a Monday, to be called and held on a Wednesday.

Sheriff, &c. of Hampshire, at the Request of any more

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Candidate of that County, to adjourn after the End of the Poll at *Winchester* to *Newport* in the Isle of *Wight*.

Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 27.

Enacted, &c. That no Person which shall refuse to take the Oaths (of *Allegiance and Supremacy*, which see in the *Appendix*) directed by an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the late Queen *Mary*, or being Quakers shall refuse to subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity directed by one other Act of Parliament made in the said first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, and the late Queen (which see also in the *Appendix*) (which Oath and Subscription respectively the Sheriff or Chief Officer, taking the Poll at any Election of Members to serve in Parliament, at the Request of any of the Candidates are

Sheriffs, &c. on the Poll at any Election, to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy to Electors, (and if Quakers, the Declaration of Fidelity) at the Request of any Candidate, and on Refusal, not to admit them to Vote.

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hereby impowered and required to administer) shall be admitted to give any Vote for the Election of any Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgeses, or Baron of the Cinque-Ports to serve in Parliament,

Stat. 10 & 11 W. 3. ch. 7.

Enacted, &c. That the Sheriff or other Officer having the Execution and Return of any Writ to Parliament, for the future, shall on or before the Day that any future Parliament shall be called to meet, and with all convenient Expedition, not exceeding fourteen Days after any Election made by Vertue of any new Writ, either in Person or by his Deputy, make Returns of the same to the Clerk of the Crown in the High Court of Chancery, to be by him filed, &c. and pay to the Clerk of the Crown 4 s. for every Knight of the Shire, and 2 s. for every Citizen, Burgeses, &c. which the Sheriff, &c. shall charge to the King, and have allowed upon his Account.

The proper Officer of the Cinque-Ports shall be allowed six Days from the Receipt

Sheriffs, &c.
By themselves or Deputies, on or before the Day any Parliament shall be called to meet, and not exceeding 14 Days after any Election made, to make his Return to the Clerk of the Crown, &c.

(See the Stat.
&c. 7 & 8 W. 3.
ch. 25. pa. 98.)
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of such Writ for the Delivery of the Precept according to the Purport of the Act (7 & 8 W. 3. *ch.* 25.) any Thing in the said Act, or any other Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

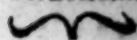
Every Sheriff or other Officer or Officers aforesaid, who shall not make the Returns according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of 500 l. one Moiety whereof shall be to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record, at *Westminster*, wherein no Effoin, Procection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, nor more than one Imparlance.

Sheriffs, &c. not making Returns accordingly, to forfeit for each Offence 500 l. one Moiety to the King, the other to him that will sue by Action of Debt, &c. wherein no Effoin, &c. to be allowed, and but one Imparlance.

Stat. 6 Annæ, *ch.* 6.

Enacted, &c. That when any Parliament shall hereafter be summoned or called, the Forty-five Representatives of *Scotland* in the House of Commons in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, shall be

Writs to issue to the respective Sheriffs or Stewarts, for choosing the 45 Representatives of *Scotland* to Parliament. elects



electd and chosen by Authority of the Queen's Writs, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, directed to the several Sheriffs and Stewarts of the respective Shires and Stewartries, and the said several Sheriffs and Stewarts shall, on Receipt of such Writs, forthwith give Notice of the Time of Election for the Knights or Commissioners for their respective Shires or Stewartries: And the Clerks of the said Meetings, immediately after the said Elections are over, shall respectively return the Names of the Persons elected to the Sheriff or Stewart of the Shire, or Stewartry, who shall annex to it his Writ, and return it with the same into the Court out of which the Writ is issued.

And as to the Manner of Election of the fifteen Representatives of the Royal Boroughs, the Sheriff of the Shire of *Edinburgh*, shall on the Receipt of the Writ directed to him, forthwith direct his Precept to the Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, to cause a Burgeſs to be elected for that City; and their Common Clerk shall certify the Name of the Member elected to the

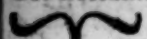
Sheriffs, &c.
thereon, forthwith to give Notice of the Time of Election for the Shires.

Clerks of the Meetings forthwith to return the Names of the Elected to the Sheriff, who is to annex and return it with his Writ.

Sheriff of *Edinburgh* on Receipt of his Writ, forthwith to direct his Precept to the Lord Provost, for electing the Burgeſs for that City.

Common Clerk
of *Edinburgh* to
Sheriff

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Sheriff of *Edinburgh*, who shall annex it to his Writ, and return it with the same into the Court, from which the Writ issued.

And at to the other Royal Burghs, divided into fourteen Classes or Districts, the Sheriffs or Stewarts of the several Shires and Stewartries, shall on the Receipt of their several Writs, forthwith direct their several Precepts to every Royal Burgh within their respective Shires or Stewartries, reciting therein the Contents of the Writ, and the Date thereof, and commanding them forthwith to elect each of them a Commissioner, as they used formerly to elect Commissioners to the Parliament of *Scotland*, and to order the said respective Commissioners to meet at the presiding Burrough of their respective District (naming the said presiding Burrough) upon the thirtieth Day after the Day of the Teste of the Writ, unless it be upon the Lord's Day, commonly called *Sunday*, and then the next Day after, and then to choose their Burghs for the Parliament; and the common Clerk of the then presiding Burrough shall im-

certify the Name of the Elected to the Sheriff, who is to annex and return it with the Writ.

Sheriffs, &c. in like Manner to direct their Precepts to the Royal Burghs, for the electing a Commissioner for each, and the Commissioners of each District to meet at the presiding Burrough (by Name) for each District on the 30th Day after the Teste of the Writ, unless Sunday, and then Monday, to choose their Burghs.

Common Clerk
of such presiding
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mediately after the Election return the Name of the Person so elected to the Sheriff or Stewart of the Shire or Stewartry wherein such presiding Burrough is, who shall annex it to his Writ, and return it with the same, into the Court from whence the Writ issued. And in Case a Vacancy shall happen in Time of Parliament, by the Decease or legal Incapacity of any Member, a new Member shall be elected in his Room, conformable to the Method herein before appointed; and in Case such Vacancy be of a Representative for any one of the said fourteen Classes or Districts of the said Royal Burroughs, that Borough which presided at the Election of the deceased or disabled Member, shall be the presiding Borough at such new Election.

Provided always, That upon the issuing of the Writs of Summons for the electing of a Parliament, if any Shire or Stewartry where a Royal Borough is, hath not then a Turn or Right to elect a Commissioner or Knight of the Shire or Stewartry for that Parliament, that then it

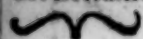
Borough forthwith to return the Name of the Elected to the Sheriff, &c. in whose Shire such Borough is, who is to annex and return it with his Writ.

To be taken by Sheriffs, &c. Like Method to be taken by Sheriffs, &c. in case of Vacancy in Parliament-time, by Decease or Incapacity of a Member; and if for a Burgh, the presiding Burgh at the first to preside at the new Election.

In Writs to Sheriffs, the Election of a Kt. to be omitted, if the Shires (where a Royal Burgh is) have not then a Turn to Elect.

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shall be omitted out of the Writ, directed to such Sheriff or Stewart, to cause a Knight or Commissioner for that Shire or Stewartry to be elected for that Parliament,

Stat. 6 Annæ, ch. 23.

Enacted, &c. That every Person who shall refuse to take the Oath (of *Abjuration*, which see in the *Appendix*) or being a Quaker, shall refuse to declare the Effect thereof upon his solemn Affirmation, as directed by an Act of Parliament made in the seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William (the *Form* whereof see also in the *Appendix*) which Oath or Declaration, the Sheriff, President of the Meeting, or Chief Officer taking the Poll at any Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons for any Place in *Great Britain*, or Commissioners for choosing Burgesses for any Place in *Scotland*, at the Request of any Candidate or other Person present at such Election, are hereby impowered and required to administer, shall not be capable of giving any Vote for the Election of any

Sheriffs, Presidents of Meetings, &c. On the Poll at any Election of Members of Parliament for Great Britain, or of Commissioners for choosing Burgesses for Scotland, at the Request of any Candidate or others, to administer the Abjuration Oath, (or upon Affirmation to Quakers) and Electors refusing it, unable to Vote.

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such Member to serve in the House of Commons, for any Place in Great Britain, or Commissioner to choose a Burghs for any Place in Scotland.

Stat. 9 Annæ. ch. 5.

Enacted, That every Person (except the eldest Son, or Heir apparent of a Peer, or of a Person qualified by this Act to serve as Knight of a Shire, or such as shall be elected for each of the Universities of England) shall, upon Request, at the Time of the Election, or before the Day to be prefixed in the Writ of Summons for the Meeting of (any subsequent) Parliament, by any other Person who shall stand Candidate at such Election, or by any two or more Persons having a Right to Vote at such Election, take a corporal Oath in the Form, (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix.)

The respective Oaths aforesaid shall be administered by the Sheriff or Under-Sheriff for any County, or by the Mayor, Bailiff, or other Officer or Officers, for any City, Borough, &c. to whom it

Candidate to be sworn to his Estate, if required by any other Candidate, or 2 Electors.

The Oaths to be administered by the Sheriff, or other Officer by whom the Poll is to be taken, and Return made, or shall

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shall appertain to take the Poll, or make the Return at such Election, or by any two or more Justices of the Peace within *England, &c.* and the said Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, or other Officers, and the said Justices of the Peace respectively, are hereby required to certify the Taking thereof into her Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or the Queen's Bench, within three Months after the Taking the same, under the Penalty of forfeiting One hundred Pounds; one Moiety to the Queen, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons as will sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

No Fee or Reward shall be taken for administering any Oath, or making, receiving or filing the Certificate thereof, except one Shilling for administering the Oath, and two Shillings for making the Certificate, and two Shillings for receiving and filing the same, under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds to be forfeited by the

two or more Justices of the Peace,

Who are to certify the same into the Chancery or Queen's Bench within three Months, under 100*l.* Forfeiture, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. half to the Queen, half to him that sues, with full Costs.

12*d.* only to be paid for the Oath, 2*s.* for making, and 2*s.* for filing the Certificate, under 20*l.* Forfeiture, to be recovered and divided as above.

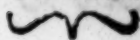
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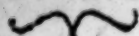
Enacted, That upon every Election to be made of a Knight of a Shire within England, every Freeholder before he is admitted to Poll, shall, if required by the Candidates, or any of them, or any other Person having a Right to Vote, first take the Oath (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix) which Oath, the Sheriff, &c. is to administer: And in taking the Poll, the Sheriff, &c. shall enter, not only the Place of the Elector's Freehold, but also the Place of his Abode, and Jurat against the Name of every Voter, who shall be tender'd and take the Oaths hereby required; and the Sheriff, or returning Officer, shall within twenty Days after such Election, deliver over upon Oath (to be administered by the two next Justices of the Peace, one Quorum) unto the Clerk of the Peace of the same County, all the Poll-Books of such Elections, and in Counties where there are more than one Clerk of the

Sheriff, &c.
to swear each
Freeholder, if by
any Candidate,
or Voter, requi-
red.

Sheriff, &c.
shall enter the
Place of the E-
lector's Freehold,
of his Abode, and
Jurat against
the Name of eve-
ry Voter sworn,
and within 20
Days after the
Elections deliver
the Poll Books up-
on Oath to the
Clerk of the Peace,
&c.

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Peace, the Original to one, and attested Copies to the rest, to be kept among the Records of the Sessions of the Peace for the County: And if any Quaker, during the Continuance of an Act, (7 Guil. 3.) Intituled, (*An Act, That the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath, in the usual Form*) shall upon such Election, if required by the Candidates, or any of them, declare the Effect of the said Oath upon his solemn Affirmation, in such Manner and Form as is directed by the said Act, every such Quaker shall be capable, and admitted to give his Vote for the Election of any such Member within *England*; and every Sheriff, &c. is hereby authorized and required to accept such Affirmation instead of the said Oath, and shall enter *Affirmat'* against the Name of every such Quaker.

Sheriff, &c.
to admit any
Quaker to vote
during the Act
7 W. 3. and accept his Affirmation to the Effect of the Oath, according to the said Act, instead thereof; and enter Affirmat' against the Name of such Quaker.

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Enacted, That any of the Electors present, suspecting any Person or Persons (either Electors or Candidates for Shires or Stewartries in Scotland, after the End of this present Parliament) to have his or their Estates in Trust, and for the Behoof of another, may require the Preses to the Meeting to tender the Oath, (in this Act contained, which see in the Appendix) and the said Preses is hereby impowered and required to administer the same.

Returning Officers are hereby ordained to make their Returns of the Persons elected by the Majority of the Freeholders, inrolled, and those admitted by them, reserving always the Liberty of objecting against the Persons admitted to, or excluded from the Poll as formerly.

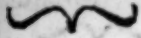
All Sheriffs of Shires, and Stewarts of Stewartries, shall under the Pain of 50 l. Sterling, one Moiety whereof shall be to the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the

Preses of the Meeting, upon Request of any Elector of a Shire or Stewartry in Scotland, to swear either Elector or Candidate to their Estates.

Returning Officers to return Persons elected by a Majority of Freeholders inrolled, and those admitted by them, with Liberty of Objecting, &c.

Sheriffs and Stewarts under 50 l. Penalty, half to the Queen half to him that sues before the Court of Session, &c. to make pub-
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same, to be recovered before the Court of Session, by any Action Summarily, without abiding the Course of the Roll to make the publick Intimations required by the Laws of Scotland, at the several Parish-Churches within their respective Jurisdictions, at least three Days before the Diet of Elections.

lick Intimation at the Parish Churches within their Jurisdictions 3 Days before the Diet of Elections.

APPENDIX.

The Form of the Oath of Allegiance appointed by Stat. 1 W. & M. cap. 1.

I *A. B.* do sincerely Promise and Swear, That
I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George*.

So help me God.

The Form of the Oath of Supremacy, appointed by the same Stat.

P. I *A. B.* do Swear, That I do from my Heart
Abhor, Detest, and Abjure, as Impious and
Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position

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tion, *That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.* And I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm.

So help me God.

The Form of the Declaration or Teste, appointed by Stat. 30 Car. 2. Ch. 1.

I *A. B.* do Solemnly and Sincerely in the Presence of God, Profess, Testify, and Declare, That I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's-Supper, there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine, into the Body and Blood of Christ, at, or after the Consecration thereof by any Person whatsoever; and that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin *Mary*, or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of *Rome*, are Superstitious and Idolatrous; and I do solemnly in the Presence of God, Profess, Testify, and Declare, That I do make this Declaration, and every Part thereof, in the plain and ordinary Sense of the Words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by *English* Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or Mental Reservation

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tion whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose by the Pope, or any other Authority or Person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am, or may be acquitted before God or Man, or absolved of this Declaration, or any Part thereof, altho' the Pope, or any other Person or Persons, or Power whatsoever, should dispense with, or annull the same, or declare that it was null or void from the Beginning.

The Form of the Abjuration, by Stat. 6 Ann. Ch. 7.

I *A. B.* do truly and sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testify, and Declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King *George* is Lawful and Rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely Declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging: And I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or

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Obedience to him. And I do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George*, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown, or Dignity, and I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, and his Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against Him, or any of them. And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power, to Support, Maintain, and Defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same by an Act Intituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is and stands limited to the Princess *Sophia*, Electores and Dutches of *Hanover*, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, and swear, according to these Express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, Mental Evasion, or Secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise, Heartily, Willingly, and Truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

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The Form of the Freeholders-Oath, to be taken (if required) on the Poll at Elections for Knights of the Shire, by Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. Ch. 25.

YOU shall swear that you are a Freeholder for the County of *A.* and have Freehold Lands or Hereditaments of the yearly Value of 40 *s.* lying at *B.* within the said County of *A.* that you have not been before Polled at this Election.

The Form of the Declaration of Fidelity. appointed to be subscribed by Quakers, by Stat. 1 W. & M. cap. 18.

I *A. B.* do sincerely Promise, and solemnly Declare, before God and the World, that I will be true and faithful to King *George*; and I do solemnly profess and declare, That I do from my Heart Abhor, Detest, and Renounce, as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes Excommunicated, or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of
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the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authoriey Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm.

The Form appointed by Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. Ch. 34. In which the Effect of the Abjuration and the Freeholders Oath is to be administred to Quakers.

I *A. B.* do declare in the Presence of Almighty God the Witness of the Truth of what I say.

The Formula appointed by Act of Parliament made 8 & 9 Sess. W. 3. in Scotland.

I *A. B.* do sincerely from my Heart profess and declare before God, who searcheth the Heart, that I do Deny, Disown and Abhor these Tenets and Doctrines of the Papal Romish Church, viz. The Supremacy of the Pope and Bishop of Rome over all Pastors of the Catho-
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lick Church, his Power and Authority over Kings, Princes, and States, and the Infalibility that he pretends to, either without, or with a General Council, his Power of Dispensing and Pardoning, The Doctrine of Transubstantiation, and the Corporal Presence with the Communion without the Cup in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Adoration and Sacrifice professed, and practiced by the Popish Church in the Mass, the Invocation of Angels and Saints, the Worshipping of Images, Crosses and Relicks, the Doctrine of Superrogation, Indulgences, and Purgatory, and the Service and Worship in an unknown Tongue: All which Tenets and Doctrines of the said Church I believe to be contrary to, and inconsistent with, the written Word of God; and I do from my Heart deny, disown, and disclaim the said Doctrines and Tenets of the Church of *Rome*, as in the Presence of God, without any Equivocation or Mental Reservation, but according to the known and plain meaning of the Words, as to me offered and proposed.

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The Form of the Candidates OATH
to be taken (if required) by Stat.
9 Annæ.

I A. B. do Swear, That I truly, and *bona fide*, have such an Estate in Law or Equity, to and for my own Use and Benefit, of or in Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments (over and above what will satisfy and clear all Incumbrances that may affect the same) of the Annual Value of Six hundred Pounds, above Reprizes, as doth qualify me to be elected and Returned to serve as a Member for the County of

according to the Tenour and true Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Behalf; and that my said Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, are lying or being within the Parish, Township or Precinct of

Or, in the several
Parishes, Townships or Precincts of

in the County of

Or, in the several
Counties of

(as the Case
may be)

The like Oath (*Mutatis mutandis*) as to the Value of 300 *l.* to be taken by Candidates for a City, Borough, &c.

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*The Form of the Freeholders OATH
to be taken (if required) by Stat.
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YOU shall Swear, That you are a Freeholder in the County of _____ and have Freehold Lands or Hereditaments lying or being at _____ in the County of _____ of the Yearly Value of Forty Shillings above all Charges payable out of the same; and that such Freehold Estate hath not been made or granted to you fraudulently, on purpose to qualify you to give your Vote; and that the Place of your Abode is at _____ in _____ and that you have not been Polled before at this Election.

N. B. The Freeholders Oath appointed by the Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. ch. 25. is abrogated by the Statute that appoints this.

*The Form of the Freeholders, &c.
OATH to be taken (upon Objection
made) by Stat. 12 Annæ.*

I *A. B.* do, in the Presence of God, Declare and Swear, That the Lands and Estate of _____ for which I claim to give my

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my Vote in this Election, are not conveyed to me in Trust, or for the Behoof of any other Person whatsoever; and I do Swear before God, That neither I, nor any Person to my Knowledge, in my Name, or by my Allowance, hath given, or intends to give, any Promise, Obligation, Bond, Back-bond, or other Security, for Redisponing or Reconveying the said Lands and Estate, any Manner of Way whatsoever: And this is the Truth, as I shall answer to God.

*The Form of the Abjuration, as alter'd
by Stat. 4 Annæ ch. 8. to be taken
after the Demise of the said late Queen,
and as the same is now to be taken.*

I *A. B.* do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That Our Sovereign Lord King *George* is Lawful and Rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. (And I do solemnly and sincerely Declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, That the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the
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Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging: And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him.) And I do swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King George, and him will Defend to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever against his Person, Crown, or Dignity. And I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose or make known to his Majesty, and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him, or any of them: And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support, maintain and defend the Limitation and Succession of the Crown (against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever) as the same by an Act, Intituled, (*An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*) is, and stands limited to the Princess of Sophia, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear according to these expresse Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever: And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

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